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## BRITISH SUBMARINES SINK TROOPSHIPS

### Stay Out Holds The Day

"If you were asked to vote on the question of the United States going to war or staying out, how would you vote?"

This, which is the latest question put by the Gallup Survey, revealed that 17 per cent of those asked favoured going to war, and 83 per cent favoured staying out.

The figures show a two per cent increase of those favouring going to war compared with the last similar Poll.

The South, with 20 per cent, showed the largest percentage favouring war, while the West, central and agricultural districts were the lowest with 14 per cent. — Reuter.

### BATTLE WITH FIRE RAIDS

Thousands of lives and millions of pounds worth of national assets vital to the war effort have been saved by the fire watchers' scheme.

This is stated by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, in a foreword to a new memorandum on the fire prevention order issued by the Ministry of Home Security yesterday.

The memorandum followed consultations with the British Employers' Federation and the Trades Union Congress, which are stated to have cleared up certain misunderstandings which interfered with the effectiveness of the order. — Reuter.

### U.S. ARMS FACTORY EXPLOSION

An explosion yesterday at a dynamite factory at Kenilworth (New Jersey) or the Hercules Powder Factory rocked the country for miles around.

Despite the violence of the explosion, which occurred in a refuge dump, nobody was injured and no damage done.

About 50 were killed and 200 injured by a series of explosions that wrecked part of this factory on September 12 last. — Reuter.

### Torpedo 'Planes Raid Valona And Durazzo

An Italian cruiser or large destroyer was among ships sunk or damaged in a series of attacks which the Fleet Air Arm made against enemy shipping in Valona and Durazzo last Saturday and Monday nights, states a communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Six or seven hits were obtained with torpedoes, says the communique, which adds the attacks were extremely successful and caused several damage. — Reuter.

### ITALIAN TANK ATTACK BROKEN UP

THE FAILURE OF ANOTHER ITALIAN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE GREEK LINE IN THE CENTRAL ALBANIAN FRONT WAS RELATED IN A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY STATEMENT BROADCAST BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The assault, which took the form of a tank attack, is described as of as great an intensity as those of last week, though it was local and of limited scope.

### SHADOWS BEFORE

CLEAR INDICATION OF THE PRESENT STATE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON TO BE GIVEN BY THE FACT, LEARNED YESTERDAY, THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY SENT A CIRCULAR TO ALL CONSULS AND OTHER OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ASKING FOR INFORMATION THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN THE EVENT OF SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

It is believed that the circular emphasised there was no present intention of breaking off relations, but the information was required so that shipping space and other formalities could be arranged should a break occur. — Reuter.

### A.B. FOUND SHOT DEAD

A British Able Seaman, Douglas Thomas Thorburn, aged 27 years, was found dead on H.M.S. Cornflower last night, death being apparently due to a gun shot wound.

The tanks were intended to open a way for the Italian infantry but the Greek forces stood up to this mechanised assault with the same cool determination as that which characterised their victorious resistance to the violent attacks last week, says the statement.

Greek anti-tank batteries opened an intense rapid fire.

After the first few rounds one tank received a direct hit which broke its chain and caused it to overturn.

A few seconds later a second tank was shattered by another direct hit and a third tank soon shared the same fate.

#### Infantry Exposed

Thereupon the remaining tanks turned and retreated at full speed, leaving a mass of Italian infantry exposed to a sea of concentrated fire from Greek artillery and the crossfire of Greek machine-guns.

The Italian troops bravely advanced in waves but were mown down in masses and the field was strewn with dead, the enemy's losses being terrific. — Reuter.

Deceased was originally attached to a British river gun-boat, and it is understood that he left a letter behind.

### Grim Losses Inflicted On Italians

A FURTHER SUCCESS has been reported by British submarines operating against Italy's sea communications with the Italian army overseas, says an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

The submarine Utmost (Lt.-Comdr. R. D. Cayley) carried out a successful attack on an escorted convoy of two deeply laden Italian transports of about 6,000 and 4,000 tons crowded with troops.

The explosions of the torpedoes were followed by a very violent explosion and it is considered certain that at least one transport was completely destroyed.

The submarine Triumph (Lt.-Comdr. W. J. Woods) has sunk two deeply laden Italian supply ships, each of about 2,500 tons.

The submarine Unique (Lt.-Comdr. A. F. Collett) torpedoed a fully-laden Italian supply ship of about 3,000 tons, which was proceeding in an escorted convoy.

This supply ship was almost certainly sunk. — Reuter.

### U-BOAT BASE BOMBED

COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTACKED THE SUBMARINE BASE AT ORIENT. STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Many heavy bombs were seen to burst on the locks and one very large fire was started. No British aircraft are missing from these operations but one British fighter is missing from patrol on Wednesday. — Reuter.

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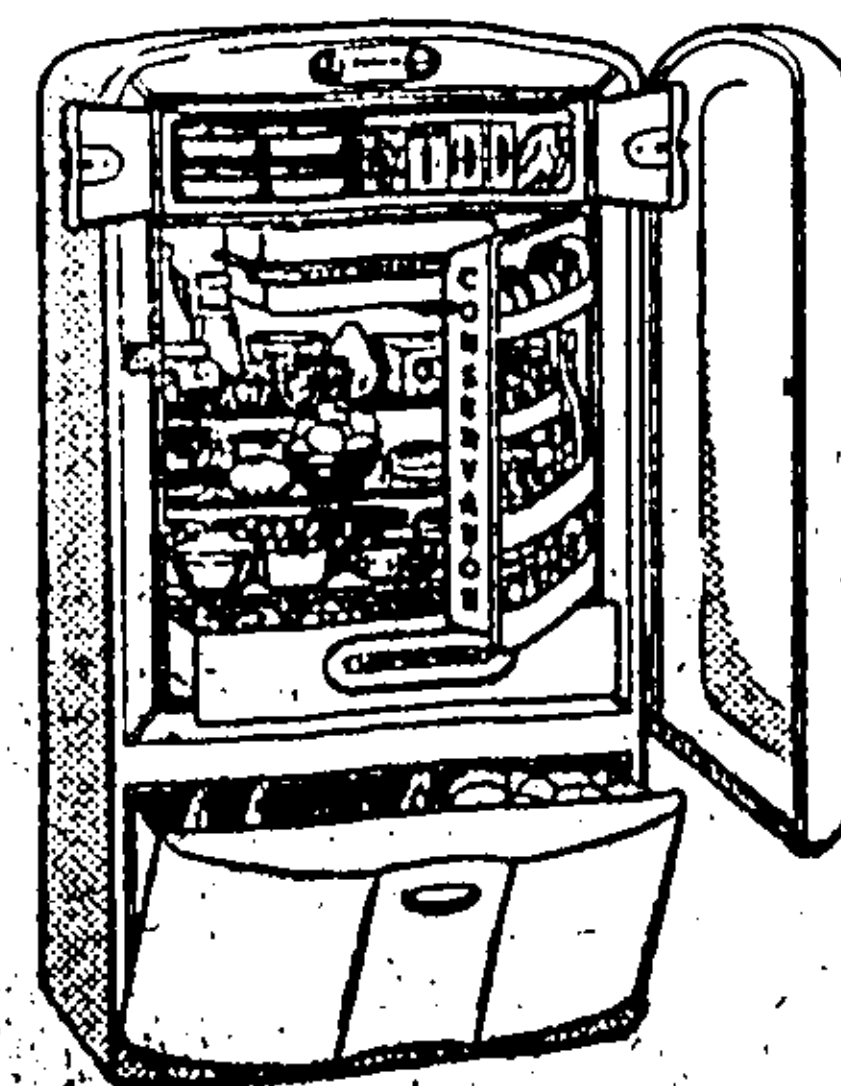
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# AXIS MUST WIN WAR THIS YEAR

Neutral Observer's Estimate Of Situation

## Invasion Effort Too Hazardous

THE WORLD'S FIRST blitz war has now lasted a year and a half, declared Colonel Kleen, writing in the Stockholm "Veckojournalen" yesterday on the Battle of the Atlantic.

To win the war the Axis must score a decisive victory in the summer of 1941 — after that the enemies will become too strong.

An invasion of England was considered too hazardous last autumn and it would now be still more difficult, for the British are very much stronger.

Invasion necessitates control of the waters concerned, security against the enemy air force and the breaking down of the shore defences in the first attack.

None of these conditions exist, so invasion will probably remain merely a threat, binding the British forces.

It remains for Germany to achieve victory by blockade. The Germans have better submarine bases now but anti-submarine weapons are also greatly improved.

The Americans have already transferred 50 destroyers to Britain and they still have 211 compared with Japan's 83.

### America's Capacity

A hundred American destroyers can thus be transferred to the Atlantic for operating against German submarines, either by direct intervention or by being transferred to Britain.

In addition there are mosquito boats which can be produced in large numbers, and there is also a considerable amount of shipping frozen in American harbours which can be transferred to Britain. Finally, British bombers operat-

ing against submarines in their bases and at sea are causing them severe losses.

TECHNICAL POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR FIGHTING SUBMARINES IF THEY CAN BE BROUGHT INTO USE QUICKLY ENOUGH. — REUTER.

## STABBING ATTACK BY THIEF

A FOKI OF A MONEY-CHANGER'S SHOP IN BONHAM STRAND EAST WAS ATTACKED WITH A KNIFE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO ARREST A THIEF SHORTLY AFTER 12 NOON YESTERDAY.

The alleged thief snatched a bundle of bank-notes from the counter and ran into Des Voeux Road Central with the foki in pursuit.

The man suddenly stopped, and pulling out a knife, attacked the foki with it. Pedestrians, however, rescued the foki, who was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

## FIERCE BLAZE IN CENTRAL

The Central District was brightly lit up early this morning by a huge blaze, the result of a fire on the second floor of No. 56, Staunton Street.

The outbreak occurred at about 1.30 a.m. and rapidly spread to the adjoining flat before the arrival of four fire appliances from the Central Fire Station.

Occupants of both houses hurriedly left their beds, and, snatching up a few personal belongings, rushed out into the streets, where they remained until dawn.

There were no casualties, and the outbreak was under control within half an hour of the arrival of the fire brigade.

## NEW BUDGET COMING BEFORE EASTER

Mr. Winston Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday that the Budget would be introduced in the Commons before Easter, says Reuter from London.

## BEVIN BOYS REACH ENGLAND

News was received in Madras yesterday that the first batch of "Bevin Boys" has reached England and the second batch is almost ready to proceed. — Reuter.

## BRITAIN AND AID TO CHINA

Mr. Robert Morgan asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Government associates itself with President Roosevelt's declaration in favour of all-out aid for China as far as we can render it at present.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that Government noted with sympathy and interest President Roosevelt's statement regarding China, and it was Government's policy to maintain the closest contact with the United States Government. — Reuter.

## WOMEN HOLD THE FLOOR OF THE COMMONS

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday had an "all-woman" day, when seven out of ten of the women members joined forces for the first time to present the case of the women of Britain to the Government — and did so with feminine forcefulness.

The debate was on the organisation of women power and the theme of most of the speeches was that women are anxious to take up war work but were prevented by rules and regulations which discouraged them.

Much good humour enlivened the proceedings.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Mr. R. Assheton, admitted that if Government failed to attract as many women as were needed it could only be because it approached them in the wrong way.

If compulsory powers had to be used it would be in an almost negligible number of cases. Only three men participated in

the debate, and at its conclusion Sir John Anderson, winding up, apologised as a man for his intervention on the ground that "fools rush in where angels have ceased to tread." — Reuter.

## NETHERLANDS TRAINING MANY PILOTS

A large number of pilots are being trained in the Netherlands East Indies for duty in Europe, stated Col. Dijkhoorn, Dutch Defence Minister, in an interview in "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, yesterday.

He also stated that a number of Dutch pilots are now being trained in the R.A.F. for fighter machines and they hoped to have their own Dutch fighter squadrons in the R.A.F.

British instructors, he added, had been greatly impressed with the batch of aviators.

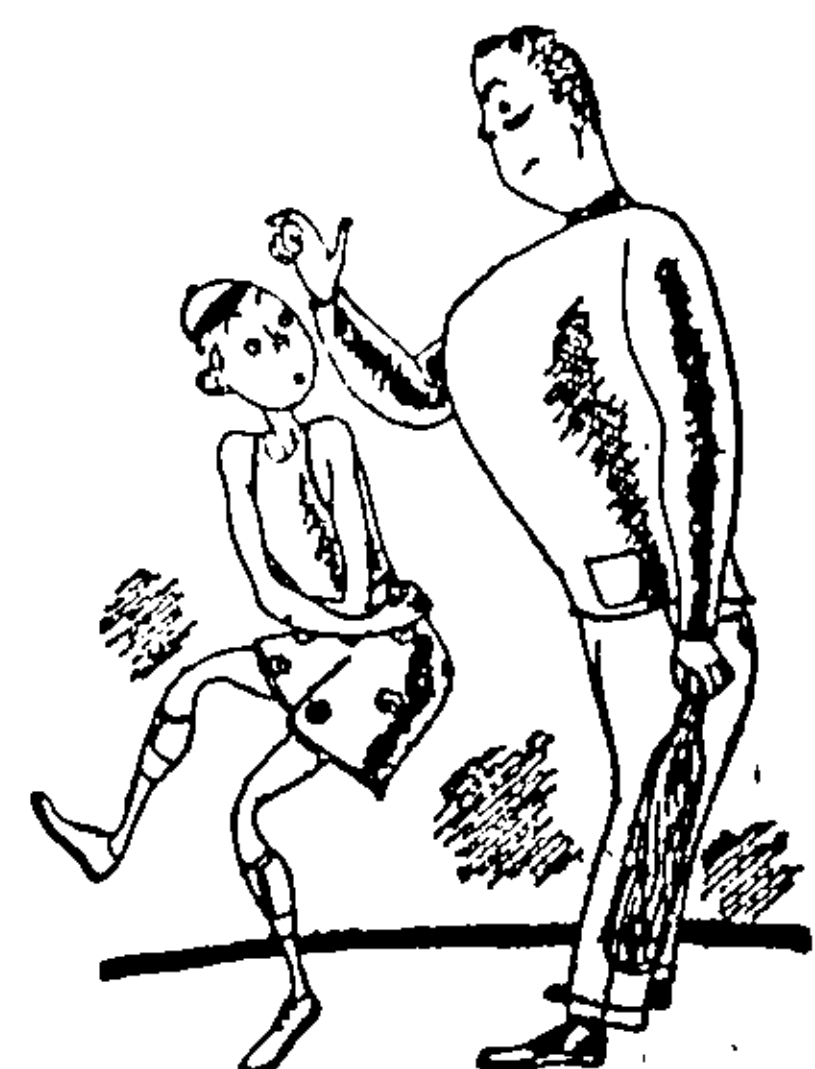
The Dutch army was growing in strength and equipment and new and extremely important material for the Dutch Navy was being put into service. — Reuter.

## GUAM DEFENCES

TWO BILLS AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$345,000,000 ON A NAVAL AND PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, INCLUDING WORK ON THE PACIFIC ISLANDS OF GUAM AND SAMOA AND BASES RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM BRITAIN, PASSED THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

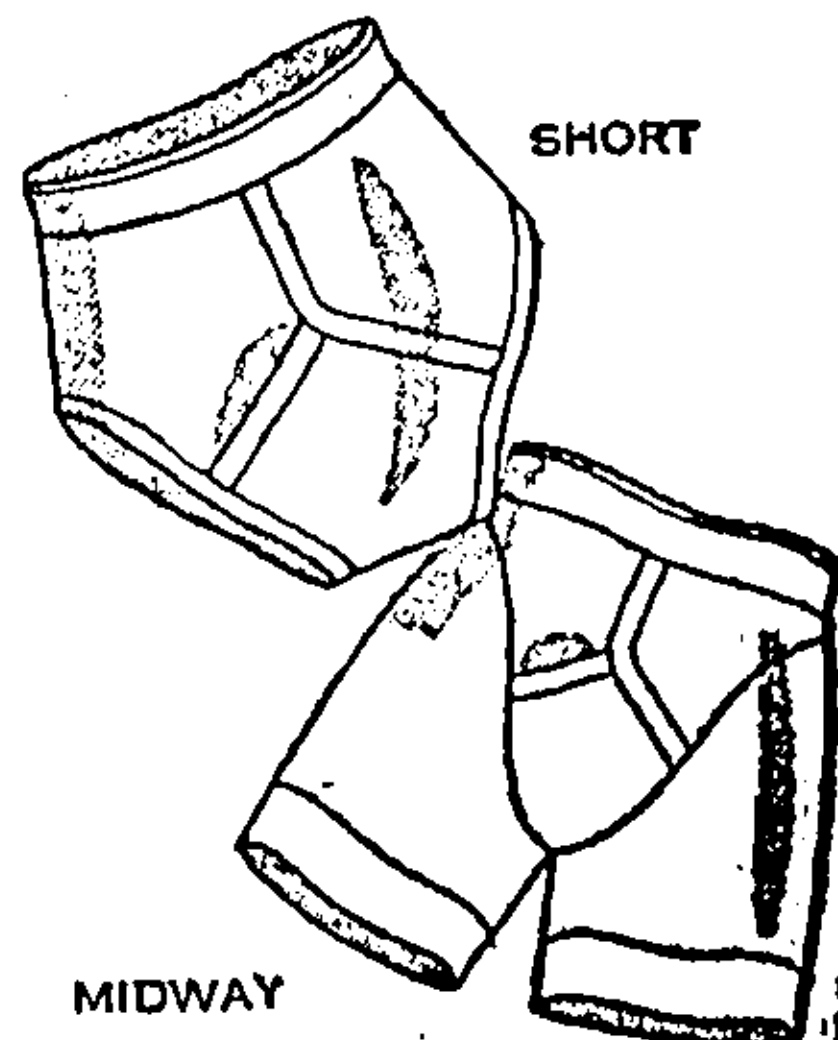
The Bills, which include expenditure of \$16,500,000 for aviation stations in British possessions, now await President Roosevelt's signature. — Reuter.

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# Alarm Call Test Of British Coastal Defences

## LIGHTS SEARCH CHANNEL FAR OUT TO SEA

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent  
Somewhere on the South Coast)

**THE LIGHTING UP OF BRITAIN'S SOUTH-EERN SHORES FROM THE BEACHES WITH LIGHTS SEARCHING FAR OUT TO SEA, WOULD HAVE QUICKLY EXPOSED A NAZI INVASION HAD IT FOLLOWED THE HEAVY RAID ON LONDON DURING WEDNESDAY NIGHT.**

Under the pale light of a half moon, I watched from a coastal battery's observation post, near the foreshore, the crews of searchlights, guns and "other devices" which the British Army now possesses, turn out for a peacetime alarm call.

It took them just 30 seconds to reach their posts.

Their job was to spot an invasion force in the darkness and to fire the first salvoes of the heavy barrage which awaits a possible invader.

The illumination was the main-spring of means to prevent a surprise at night, but if the invaders used a smoke screen the defenders could achieve the same end by other means of detection.

### Moon's Reflection

Searchlights of 15 million candle-power searched the seas, their bluish white beam so intense that the moon's reflection on the water paled into insignificance, while seagulls played in this sunbeam of night war, their shadows like notes on some distant music score.

Suddenly this picture of fragile beauty changed as the searchlight silhouetted a small vessel representing the first of the invasion barges.

Deadly 6-inch guns, hidden in the darkness, swung into action positions, ready to hurl 100-lb shells at the target.

### Rough Reception

Any German fleet which managed to evade the Navy and the R.A.F. would assuredly be roughly handled.

Behind the beaches, where ingenuity has resulted in few accidents even among the defenders, infantry and Home Guards manned inland defence ports, bridges and public buildings, ready to provide the invaders with another hot reception. — Reuter.

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## GENERAL SIR HUBERT GOUGH'S COMMAND

A full general becomes a colonel in the Home Guard in the first list of appointments to that body issued by the War Office yesterday.

He is General Sir Hubert Gough, who becomes a zone commander, a position he resigned last year because he was above the age limit—he is 71.—Reuter.

## £5,000 EACH FOR 2 MAIDS

Bequests to servants figured in wills published recently.

Mr. William Harrison, company director, of Park Road, N. W. (who left estate valued at £232,170, with net personally £224,715), bequeathed.

Five thousand pounds each, "and such personal chattels as will enable them to furnish a house or flat," to his maids, Lucie H. Fuller and Mary Hamilton.

Mrs. Florence Mary Fuchs, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey (£44,287, net personally £41,901), left £300 and two cars to her chauffeur, David Goodall, if still in her service.

Mrs. Cecilia Jane Hatch, of Longtongrove, Sydenham, S. E. (£14,930, net personally £14,771), bequeathed £1 a week for life to her late cook, Mary L. Major.

The Rev. Arthur Weldon Craddock, of Richmond Wood Road, Bournemouth (£12,764, net personally £11,391), left £25 to his housekeeper, Joan Bennett, and a further £1000 for the purchase of an annuity for her benefit.

## FAVoured FRIENDS

CHEERS GREETED A MINISTERIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT THE UTMOST LIBERAL POLICY WOULD HENCEFORTH BE FOLLOWED IN GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM ALLIED RESTRICTIONS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said it would not do to assume that every American citizen can be treated as if he were a British subject but all Chief Constables will administer the regulations sympathetically in the case of Americans unless there is reason to the contrary.—Reuter.

## ASSAM WARNED TO BE PREPARED

THE NEED FOR BEING PREPARED FOR ANY CONTINGENCY WAS EMPHASISED YESTERDAY AT SHILLONG BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM, WHO WARNED THE PEOPLE THAT AIR ATTACKS MAY COME WITHOUT WARNING.

He added that flying from the nearest aerodrome, occupied by the Japanese to Shillong was only a few hundred miles.

Whether danger was imminent or not he could not say but they should be prepared.—Reuter.

## PROGRESS IN FRANCO-THAILAND NEGOTIATIONS

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN the French and Thai delegates at Tokyo for a new convention re-adjusting the Franco-Thai borders on the basis of the mediation agreement signed in the Japanese capital on March 11, are progressing smoothly, the Bangkok newspaper "Prajimitra" reported yesterday, according to a Japanese source.

While only details are being worked out, the report said it was understood that navigation questions are being discussed.

Preparations are now under way to accord a triumphal welcome to the Thai delegates, who are expected to return from Tokyo sometime between April 2 and April 5, with Bangkok being decorated in most elaborate fashion.

It was understood that Thailand's soldiers who fought on the frontiers will also receive a welcome as soon as they carry out the provisions of the expected new Franco-Thai convention to be signed on April 1, according to reports circulated in Bangkok.—Reuter.

## MAORI GREETING TO U.S. NAVY

"Ace ace kia kasha," Maori words meaning "for ever, for ever we shall fight on," was the message which the United States naval squadron which has been visiting Auckland took with it when it sailed yesterday.

During the ships' visit a large banner bearing these words hung over the main street of Auckland and yesterday Sir Ernest Davis, Mayor of Auckland, gave it as a parting gift to Capt. Stone, commanding the squadron.

When the cruiser Brooklyn led the squadron to sea the banner was draped around her bridge.—Reuter.

## DACCA COMMUNAL DISTURBANCES

Latest casualties in the communal disturbances at Dacca are 16 killed and 93 wounded.

The police fired again on Wednesday night, killing four and wounding two.

There have been several cases of incendiarism, including four boats on the river.—Reuter.

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# B.B.C. BAN ON PINK TINTED MUSICIANS LIFTED

IN TYPICALLY CHURCHILLIAN MANNER THE PRIME MINISTER HAS PERSONALLY INTERVENED TO SETTLE A DISPUTE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER WHICH RECENTLY WAS CONDUCTED WITH ASPERITY, ESPECIALLY BY POLITICAL PURISTS OF THE LEFT WING.

Sore point was the action of the B.B.C. in banning a number of artistes who attended a recent conference styled the "People's Convention," attended by a large number of Communists.

Ground for the action was that the public would resent the inclusion of artistes who attend a gathering at which allegedly some subversive speeches were made.

As a result of the outcry, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, recently induced the B.B.C. to modify the ban, and yesterday Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, announced that the ban had been removed. Among a long reply to questions were the following: "The connection between musical and dramatic performances and political acts and opinions is not apparent. 'Anything in the nature of persecution, victimisation and man-hunting is obnoxious to the British people.'"

## Protection Of Music

With a twinkle in his eye the Premier said we should have to retain a certain amount of power in the protection of music. A very spirited rendering of "Deutschland Uber Alles" would hardly be allowed. (Laughter). "On the other hand, I see no reason to suppose that the holding of pacifist views would make a musician play flat." (Laughter). —Reuter.

## FACTORY EXPANSION IN INDIA

MR. ALEXANDER ROGER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROGER MISSION, DISCLOSED IN A PRESS INTERVIEW IN BOMBAY YESTERDAY THAT THE MISSION HAS RECOMMENDED LARGE-SCALE FACTORY EXPANSION IN INDIA.

At present intended for war work, they will be equipped with modern machinery which will prove suitable for many kinds of peacetime work and will thus add materially to India's industrial capacity. —Reuter.

## QUIET SESSION ON STOCK MARKET

Late buying of leading industrial for investment purposes relieved an otherwise very quiet session of the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Courtaulds, Imperial Chemicals and Dunlops improved towards the close but other industrial were easier. Gilt-edged securities and home rails ruled quietly steady and there were a few changes in Kaffirs. Oils moved irregularly. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

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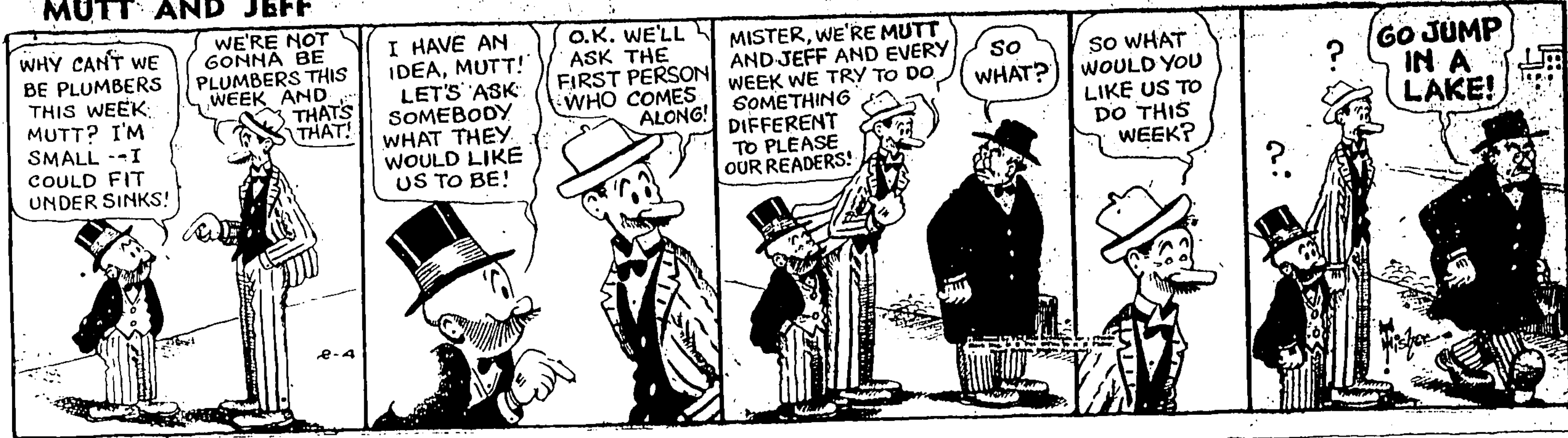
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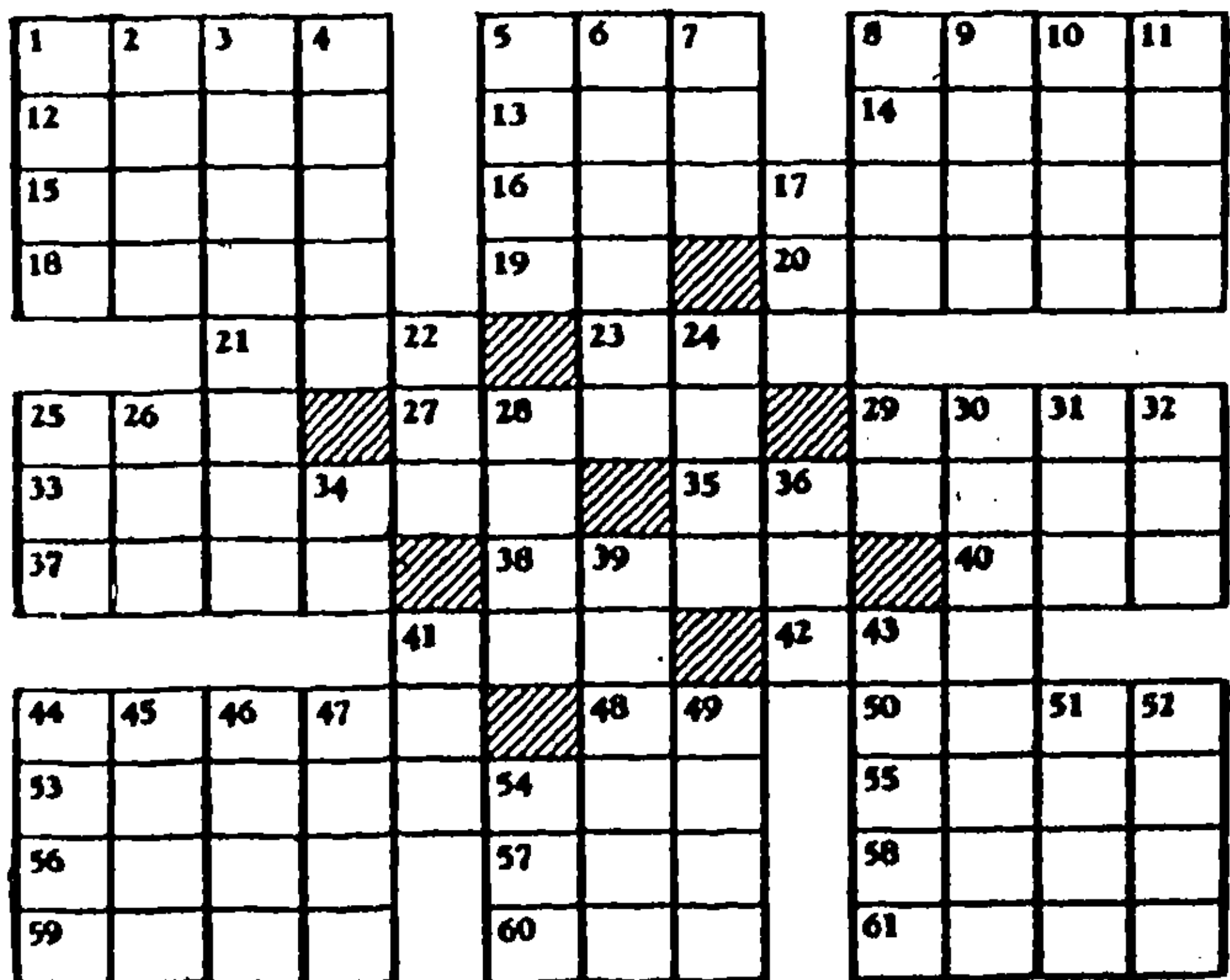
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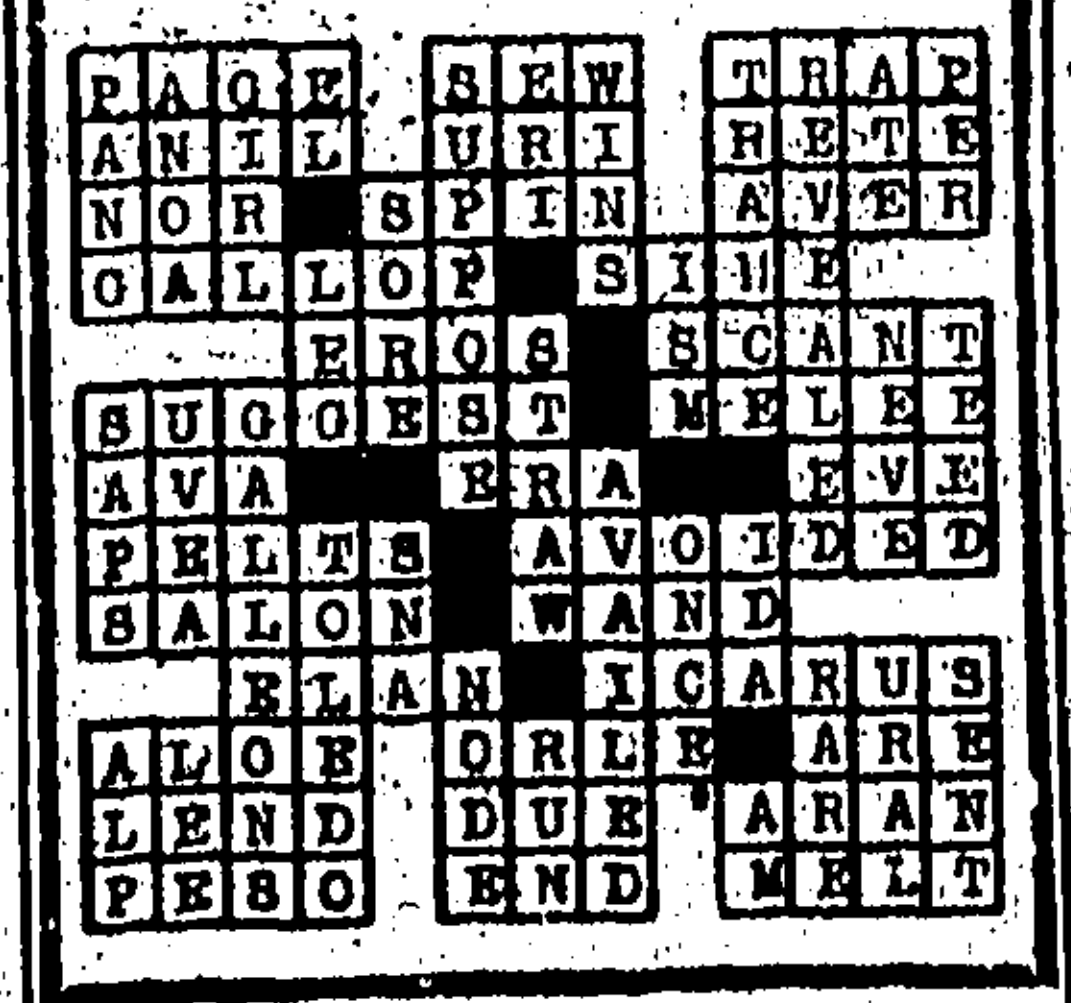
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- 24 Norse galley
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- 29 Land measure
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



NAZIS DEPORT FOES FROM NORWAY

THE ENTIRE local government of Trondheim and 200 other residents have been deported to Germany for anti-Nazi activities, it was learned officially in Stockholm.

The Nazi retaliation started with the dismissal of three aldermen, named Kobbe, Raeder and Gundersen, and their banishment from the town.

Nazi-dominated Norwegian authorities are dissolving all Norwegian youth organisations and

confiscating their property in an attempt to force young Norwegians to join the pro-Nazi organisation, the newspaper "Aftenbladet" reported.

At the same time the newspaper "Sanomat" of Helsinki, reported that the food shortage in Norway was approaching the famine level, with the population resorting to desperate measures to get food in some districts. Five shops in Bergen were raided by the hungry populace and every edible article stolen.

The struggle between the church and the Nazis assumed increasingly serious proportions after pastors, defying an official ban, read from the pulpits the circular letter in which seven Protestant bishops assailed the pro-Nazi Quisling ideology and administration.

Atheists

The battle waged by the church is expected to strengthen enormously the resistance of the peasantry, which is particularly devout, according to press dispatches here. The official Lutheran Church is supported in its struggle by all non-conformists, the Salvation Army and even atheists, it was said.

Snickers At The Movies

The snickers of Norwegian movie patrons at Nazi propaganda films, a Norwegian publication declared, have proved so irritating to the German-sponsored government of Norway that all demonstrations in theatres have been forbidden.

"News of Norway" said the Norwegian public has been expressing its aversion to the "enlightenment films" by boycotts, as well as by demonstrations inside the theatres.

The demonstrations, it was reported, included "laughter, meaningless applause, stamping with the feet, whistling, coughing, and harking (the Norwegian expression for clearing one's throat)."

In Oslo, it added, three policemen are present at every performance to insure "proper decorum."

(A Stockholm dispatch reported that police and Norwegian Nazis would attend all church services in Norway to report on any "trespasses" against the "new order.")

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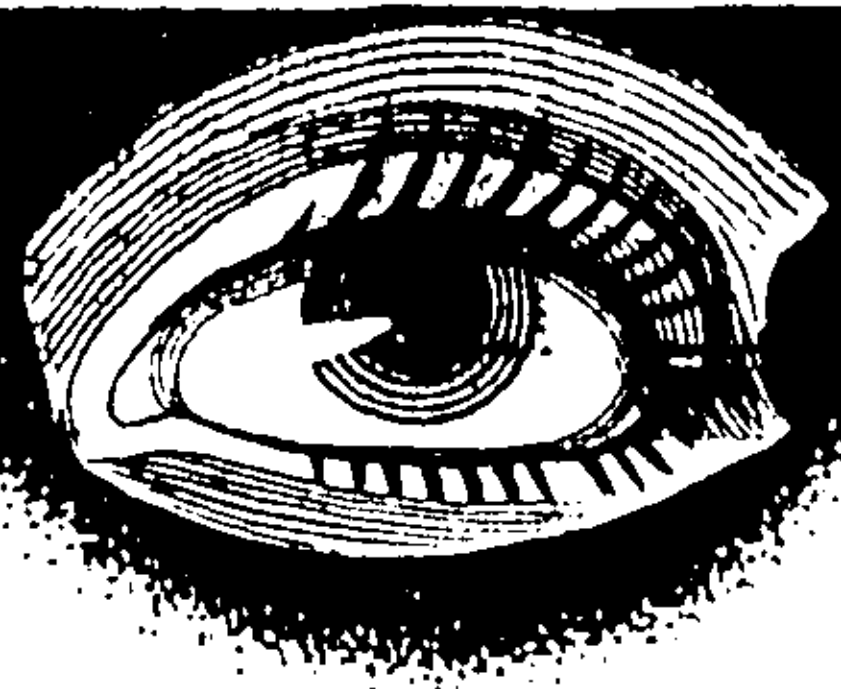
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## GIRL TEACHER IS NOW A HELLFIRE DRIVER

(By Hilde Marchant)

LIFE HAS CHANGED a great deal for the Smiths of London since the war began, but probably few made such a violent switch over as Miss Smith.

She was a school teacher with a small car, a self-contained flat and a pleasant job that gave her quite a generous amount of pocket money.

She enjoyed her job—it was quiet and refined, and gave her plenty of spare time. In September she joined up—as an ambulance driver.

For months that job was just as quiet as teaching, with the disadvantage of bringing in only £2 3s. 6d. a week. She had to go and live with her parents in order to live at all.

She spent her savings on a top coat and a heavy pair of trousers and just sat waiting. She had more patience than many of the girls. She stuck it out until September.

Then her work began—work that used her cool, clear head to the very best advantage. The first heavy night she was out the fire made her headlamps look like candles in a floodlit street.

Fires were blazing round and the road she had to find was choked with debris.

She rocked her ambulance over the road on to the pavement, under the fires, and ran it behind two other ambulances. They had arrived first and she waited behind.

### Drivers Were Dead

"But no one seemed to be using them. They didn't move and I thought they looked strange." She got out and found the drivers dead.

That was the first time Miss Smith had seen blood. It disturbed her, quite naturally, and she was just pulling in her bottom lip when the rescue squads called her over.

"There were still some people alive, and I suddenly realised I was working for them."

Two nights later she was taking her cases through a hospital gate when a bomb fell between her ambulance and another on the opposite side.

"The car rocked, but I kept it straight, and we just got a scratched bonnet."

That was Miss Smith's beginning as a blitz worker, and after those two dangerous and frightening nights, she had accomplished the metamorphosis from peace to war, from teacher to danger driver.

I found her in her station, knitting an endless scarf, with five other girls round. They were standing-by—one of the most difficult parts of their work.

"The anticipation, the waiting, are worse than when we are out, really up to our eyes in it," Miss Smith said. "Then time goes so quickly that we don't feel tired or bored or useless."

When they are on the job they are well disciplined, for they rather like to regard themselves as one of the services.

Their work is dangerous, too, and many stations have their casualty lists posted like an Army list.

### She's Called 'Lucky'

Miss Smith—who is called "Lucky"—had another narrow escape. She was walking to the station, to go on duty, when she heard a bomb falling.

She automatically leaned back, against a wall. A roof slid into the roadway, some of the debris shaving her shins and covering her feet.

She was blinded and choking, but pulled her feet out and ran to the station.

There was one thing that impressed me about these girls. As they sat around in their corduroy pants and bright woollen jumpers. After so many months of mixing with men, of doing a man's job, not one of them had hardened.

Most of them have long, Ginger Rogers bobs, because they look better under a peaked cap, and they turn up on duty with their faces made up, their nails manicured.

"It doesn't stay like that long when we are out," said Miss

Smith. "Most of us come back looking like coalmen. But in the meantime we like to look decent."

There is no question of snobbery or class. That disappears under a common danger and a common wage. One girl had brought in fifty cigarettes, but they were left open on the table for any one who wanted one.

These women who ride through the broken streets at night to bring people back alive, will be remembered in our future as typical of the civilian courage of these days.

And Miss Smith says that at the end of the war she will probably teach again.

## PRISONER IN HER NIGHTIE

A pretty bride-to-be, whose ship was sunk by a German raider in the South Pacific, said in Honolulu that she spent a month as a prisoner at sea clad only in a nightgown.

She is Miss Black, of New Zealand, who was going to British Guiana to marry an Englishman.

She was a passenger in the liner Rangitane.

### Locked In Hold

"The raider struck at night while I was in bed," said Miss Black. "I rushed to the deck in my nightgown. The Germans insisted upon up transferring to their ship."

"I had no time to fling anything over my nightgown."

"Aboard the raider we were locked in the hold for a few days and given bread smeared with lard. Later we got bad sausages and mouldy bread."

"Some German officers, sorry for us, helped us to make rope sandals for our bare feet. Most of us were in night clothes and had no shoes."

## WOMEN FLEE GANG BATTLE

Thousands of women shoppers on New York's fashionable Fifth Avenue shrieked and scattered in terror when a cops and gangsters gun battle broke out.

A policeman and a civilian were killed, and a gangster and civilian wounded.

The bandits, pursued by the police, raced from the street through two big stores, where shoppers dived for shelter under counters, screaming as shots were exchanged.

In one store a bandit was trapped and knocked unconscious with the butt of a pistol. The chase began when the bandits killed a payroll clerk at nearby offices. Escaping from the office building they jumped into a taxi on Fifth Avenue.

The driver did not start quickly enough, and was shot in the head. He is believed to be dying.

The bandits leaped out of the taxi and scattered. A traffic policeman and one of the bandits exchanged shots.

The bandit fell and the policeman knelt beside him. As he did so the bandit lifted his gun and shot the policeman dead.

The payroll, which was scattered over the street, was recovered.

## ONE BOMB KILLED 12 MOURNERS

BLINDS WERE DRAWN AT THE CARDIFF HOME OF MRS. GEORGE WEBB RECENTLY AS A MOURNING PARTY STEPPED FROM COACHES AND WENT INSIDE.

Mrs. Webb had just returned from her husband's funeral, and around her were relatives and friends who had come to offer consolation.

Suddenly a large bomb rocked the neighbourhood, sending the Webbs' home crumbling to dust. From the ruins were recovered the remains of the funeral party.

The twelve people in that house were buried — Mrs. Webb, a church minister and his wife, and nine others — a mother, brother, sister-in-law, uncles, aunts and cousins.

### "HI, GANG!" TO BE FILMED

"Hi, Gang!" most popular radio feature, is to be filmed.

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## D.F.C.'s DEATH ENDS STAGE ROMANCE

(By A Special Correspondent)

A ROMANCE which began four years ago when a young flight-lieutenant home on leave from India fell in love with a sixteen-year-old schoolgirl is ended.

This tragic story lies behind the bald War Office announcement of the death on active service of Flight-Lieutenant Richard J. Rust, D.F.C.

And from her father-in-law's home in Bishop's Stortford, Herts, the young widow, who was Mimi Stewart, a London glamour girl, told a reporter:—

"Now I can only look forward to the birth of our baby. I am thankful that I shall have at least that perfect token of our happiness."

Mimi Stewart was still a pupil at Kensington High School, London, when Richard was brought to her parents' home by a friend. They fell in love.

Mimi went on the stage. Attractive and vivacious, she soon rose to be principal glamour girl at the Prince of Wales Theatre, in London's West End.

Surrounded by admirers, there was still only room in her heart

for her first and only love—Richard.

### A Grand Sport

Last spring, in the tense days which preceded the evacuation of Dunkirk and the fall of France, Lieutenant Rust knew he might be sent abroad at any moment.

On an April morning he and Mimi were married.

After a brief honeymoon, Lieutenant Rust went to France. His bride, a few days returned to the theatre.

Mr. Max Gayton, manager of the theatre, said:

"Mimi was a grand sport. I have always admired her for returning to the theatre after her marriage, partly to help us out."



# CHINA MAIL

## LAND OF MISERY

Of all the countries brought under the domination of Nazism by tank and bomb, the conquered land that was Poland is in the saddest plight. After the conquest it was divided into three sectors. Germany kept for herself the industrial west, which was valuable, and annexed it to the Reich. Soviet Russia was permitted to take over the eastern provinces. The central territory became the Polish Gouvernement Generale, a sort of No Man's Land, German dominated, into which could be herded all the "undesirables" the Reich did not want. Its ultimate destiny was set forth as the farm and sweatshop of the conqueror.

An all but impenetrable wall of restrictions surrounds the Gouvernement Generale; communication with those within is next to impossible. But the perfect censorship has yet to be devised.

News does leak out of the area, people do occasionally escape from it, and from what is known of the conditions therein it is certain that within its boundaries Nazi oppression attains its full bloom.

The cities are overcrowded and in deepest misery. Barbed wire fences or concrete walls enclose the least desirable sections to form the ghettos within which Jews are permitted to live.

Conditions inside the walls are indescribably wretched. Disease is kept down only by the unceasing efforts of the Jewish physicians who must live there and to whom the Germans, from instincts of self-preservation, allow a limited amount of medical supplies. Conditions in the country-side rival the hardships in the towns.

Newcomers by the thousand, once prosperous traders or professional men, are brought in by freight car and turned out to shift for themselves as best they can.

In the Soviet provinces matters are no better. Yet there is an endless and aimless migration of miseries from the Soviet hell to the Nazi Hades and from the Gouvernement Generale to Nazidom, as rumour falsely spreads a hope that life may be less arduous elsewhere.

In Poland the operations of the "new order" are untrammelled, for all opposition has been pitilessly crushed and the closed frontier keeps the world from looking in.



ELEPHANTS HAVE LONG MEMORIES

# Nazis Cannot Win

By  
Vernon Bartlett

I shall not soon forget the last day of last year, for I spent a good deal of it among the ruins in the City of London. It would be foolish to deny the extent of the damage done by the German incendiary bombs.

Especially near St. Paul's Cathedral there are acres where no wall is in sufficiently good repair to remain when these devastated areas are rebuilt. The little narrow lanes of old London were notorious—picturesque, but incredibly impractical—and I have no doubt that the speeding up of traffic that will result when the streets are widened and rebuilt will ultimately be of benefit to the nation.

We shall have something to thank Hitler for amongst the many reasons for reviling him. But these blackened ruins still smouldering sulkily are a terrible sight. And a terrible condemnation.

I will not pretend that we valued the ancient churches and other buildings as we should have done, for no people ever treasures its artistic possessions at their real value.

But our sorrow at their disappearance is sincere even though we took them for granted.

Some of the churches that have been destroyed come into our nursery rhymes and their towers or spires are as familiar to every Londoner as his own doorstep.

And since the war began many of us have become more aware of their beauty for we have spent so much time on the roofs of high buildings watching the sky-line for approaching enemy bombers. The destruction of December 29 was such a blatant act of vandalism that it has aroused more anger than many raids in which the loss of life has been heavy but where the presence of military objectives made them a little less criminal.

And although I spent hours on the night of December 29 watching these fires, the largest and most terrible I had ever seen, their very senselessness strengthened my conviction of our coming victory.

From the smouldering ruins one can look out with confidence towards a brighter horizon. Why? Because we have survived two periods of gravest crisis during the past year and have not been broken by them.

While the whole night sky of London was lit by flames as never since the great fire of nearly three hundred years ago, President Roosevelt was telling his people how convinced he was of our victory.

And yet twice during the last year anybody could have been ex-

cused if he decided our defeat was inevitable.

One is apt to forget how much we depended in all our military plans on the French army. That it should have gone out of the war just at the same time as we lost the guns and supplies of our own expeditionary force was a disaster the magnitude of which

we are only realising now that we have recovered from it. We had no right to expect that within six months of it we should take the offensive so successfully against Italy. That we have been able to do so naturally gives us courage.

The second occasion when the pessimists abroad decided we were lost was in September, when Hitler began his mass bombing raids. We had awaited these air attacks uneasily since the beginning of the war, and they had all the terrors of the unknown. We do not pretend to like them, but we are now confident that they cannot bring about our defeat, even should they be supplemented by invasion and the use of poison gas.

For the people have been weighed in the balance, and have not been found wanting.

Hitler has achieved very great successes in 1940, although not so great as he promised his Nazis a year ago. Half a dozen states have become his slaves. But we have now the heartening proof that the Axis powers are not invincible. They have made two crowning military blunders in six months. Hitler might have succeeded had he invaded us immediately after the collapse of France, when our troops were unarmed and our nation benumbed by the fall of its ally.

Mussolini might have reached the Suez Canal had he ordered Graziani to push forward, whatever the cost, at that same period, since we were suddenly so terribly outnumbered in Northern Africa and could spare so little in the way of reinforcements.

We have now to face a blockade, and it will not be pleasant. German submarines can operate from the coast of France and we cannot operate from the coast of Ireland. The cooperation between the

submarine and the aeroplane add to our difficulties.

This spring will be a very cruel one, but our courage will be maintained by the reflection that Germany now cannot win.

Supplies from the United States still lag behind the goodwill of that country, and we have had bitter lessons here to teach us how long it takes to develop a war time economy. But President Roosevelt is a "non-belligerent" and not a neutral, and the resources of the New World are inexhaustible. So, too, must our courage be.

In difficult moments ahead I shall remember a sight of indescribable beauty during London's fires. I was in Ludgate Circus looking up the hill towards St. Paul's. Most of the time smoke from a near-by fire entirely concealed the Cathedral but occasionally it was blown aside for a moment, and behind the black clouds one saw the great dome, lit up by another fire, with the golden cross at the top of it shining as though it were in blazing sunshine. And in front of this magnificent background, railroad trucks still moved across the bridge over the road, carrying on as usual despite the surrounding chaos and terror. No picture could better have symbolised our struggle.

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forcements which have since been added. The balance of naval power would not be affected by the completion of the new German warships. A certain proportion of the French fleet is manned by adherents of General de Gaulle and is cooperating with the British Navy, and these include the old battleship *Courbet* which was completely reconstructed and re-boilered in 1929. Even if Germany obtained the use of the French warships which adhere to the Vichy Government, Britain would still have sufficient margin to maintain effective control of the sea routes.

To meet this situation, the German High Command is attempting to counter the British blockade by sinking merchant ships with submarines, long range aircraft, surface raiders and by the laying of minefields, usually from aircraft at night. This counter-blockade is aided by the use of French ports, notably Brest and Lorient, giving access direct to the Atlantic and also by making use of the considerable Italian flotilla of submarines. The sinkings of merchant ships have reached a serious level and it has taken time for the British counter-measures to be brought into play.

# The Naval Situation

The basic fact of the naval situation is that the maritime lines of communication all over the world are controlled by the British Fleet. The only exception is the Baltic Sea. There, owing to the seizure of Denmark, the entrances are effectively controlled by Germany. This control does not extend to within the range of enemy shore batteries, so that the eastern entrance to the English Channel by the Straits of Dover is in dispute. Everywhere else,

By  
Lord Strabolgi

the control is effective; and this despite the two major events since the present war broke out — the capitulation of France and the intervention of Italy.

Effective control does not mean that occasional blockade runners cannot enter enemy controlled ports nor that surface raiders, usually disguised, such as the vessel recently engaged by the armed merchant cruiser *Carnarvon Castle*, cannot escape on to the trade routes usually by way of the Norwegian coast which is itself held by the Germans. Furthermore, submarines owing to their facilities for evasion, can operate against British merchant shipping as they did right through the last war. What it does mean is that, apart from a certain percentage of loss through enemy action, British merchant shipping can sail the seas and carry on an export and import trade and troops and their equipment can be moved freely to any theatre of war in British convoys.

It would not be practicable, for example, for the Germans to send an army by sea anywhere except in the Baltic. The invasion of the British Isles, if ever attempted, would be hazardous and indeed would only be possible at all if such air ascendancy could be obtained by the Germans over the English Channel or the North Sea that the British warships could be driven away for a long enough period for the invading troops and their equipment to be landed and for their lines of communication to be kept open for further supplies. In the Mediterranean the Italian Fleet has been so reduced by the air attacks on Taranto and the naval action off Sardinia that their armies in Libya could not be aided. While the battle of Cyrenaica was being fought, British warships were able to support the advancing army and bombard the Italian positions and coastal road without interference from the Italian Navy.

The defence of Egypt and the counter-attack on the invading force were made possible because convoys of troopships and supply ships could be taken through the Mediterranean to Alexandria under the cover of British naval forces.

It is true that although much of the equipment and stores were sent to Egypt round the Cape of Good Hope for convenience, at any time a large convoy can be sent from one end of the Mediterranean to the other facing only the usual hazards of war.

In the same way the British are now garrisoning Crete, and have stationed naval and aerial forces in that island, thus preventing any Italian naval action in the Aegean to aid their campaign against the Greeks and blockading the Dodecanese Islands. The often debated problem as to whether air power could counter-balance British naval power in the Mediterranean would appear to be solved. Similarly the Italian garrisons in Abyssinia and East Africa can neither be reinforced nor supplied by sea and are therefore living on their accumulated stores.

German naval losses, since the outbreak of war, and especially the Norwegian campaign, have been so heavy that only two large warships of the original German Fleet survive. These are the battle-cruiser *Scharnhorst* and the *Lutzow* "pocket-battleship", formerly the *Deutschland*. One heavy cruiser of the *Hipper* class and, at the most, four light cruisers survive. One heavy cruiser, the *Prinz Eugen*, may be ready next year and two new battleships, the *Bismarck* and *Tirpitz*, will be completed soon. The line of battle of the British Navy consists of 14 dreadnoughts out of the 18 at the beginning of the war and certain important reinforcements to be brought into play.

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# YARD'S HUNT FOR ESCAPED MEN IN AIR RAID

TWO MEN SENTENCED at West Ham to six months' imprisonment each were left alone for a moment. They seized their chance, climbed out of the building through a bomb-hole in the roof, stole a car, and got away. At night Scotland Yard detectives braved an air raid to search London for them.

Albert Norman Nelson, aged 17, a seaman, of Surrey Street, Plaistow, E., and George Bush, aged 21, a labourer, of Palmerston Road, Forest Gate, E., were sentenced for theft.

The men were led out of court after sentence had been passed.

They were taken down a corridor which separates two courts. Here their escort left them. Then came the dash for freedom.

## Stole Car

The men saw a bomb-hole in the corridor roof, wormed their way through, and got out on to the roof of the building.

They dropped down on to a wall, ran along and jumped into the town hall yard.

Usually there are workmen in the yard, but, luckily for the prisoners, it was lunch time and there were few people about.

There were, however, many cars.

The men scrambled into a large black saloon car—belonging to the superintendent of the Highways Department—and drove out of the yard.

Then they turned into West Ham-lane and disappeared.

Description of the men has been circulated to all police stations.

## HERO'S FIGHTING FAMILY

Squadron-Leader F. R. Heath, whose family has been represented in every war since the Sikh campaign of 1845, was the first Australian to fall in action while serving with a purely Australian unit in this war.

## ONION COST £10

A seven-ounce onion was on the solicitors' table at Stratford Police Court. It had been sold for fourpence, but by the time it was removed the cost to the greengrocers was over £10.

Mark Van Praag, greengrocer, Gale Street, Dagenham, was summoned for selling the onion wholesale at an excessive price, and Myer Van Praag, his brother, of the same address, was summoned for buying it at an excessive price, and for retailing it at a price above the maximum.

Mark Van Praag was stated to have sold some onions to Myer at 3½d each. His brother sold them at 4d each. The maximum price was 4½d per lb., and as the onions weighed about 7oz. each, the retail price was in excess of the maximum.

Mark Van Praag was fined £5, with 10s 6d costs, and his brother £2 on each summons, with 10s 6d costs and 5s witness fee. The onion went back to the shopping bag of the woman who had paid 4d for it.

At the same court another greengrocer, Louis Marks, Porters Avenue, Dagenham, was fined 40s and £1 1s costs for imposing a condition on the sale of onions by selling a pound of them together with a pound of carrots and a pound of turnips at 4d lb.

## HE CUTS SON'S BRIDE

A canon refuses to recognise the wedding of his airman son who, it was revealed, was married secretly to a red-headed London night club hostess seven months ago.

The bridegroom is Cadet David Drummond, twenty-two, second son of Canon H. J. Drummond, vicar of Christ Church, Leicester.

His bride is Joan Vivienne Griffiths twenty-three.

Canon Drummond told a reporter:

"I do not know anything about my son's wife. I was told nothing."

## "Deeply In Love"

David, who is training to become a pilot, said:

"It is sad to think that my father will not accept my choice of a wife."

"I deeply regret the attitude that he has adopted and in which he is supported by my mother."

"At the same time, I will allow nothing to interfere with the happiness of Joan and myself."

"She is a charming girl, and we are deeply in love."

"We first met in April last year at a seaside resort."

"It was a case of love at first sight."

"Three months after our first meeting we were married at a Register Office. This in itself may have displeased my father."

"My younger brother John, who was best man, has acted as intermediary between my father and myself."

## Former Usherette

"Through John my father has made it plain that he does not intend to recognise the marriage," Mrs. Drummond said. "David and I are devoted to each other. I cannot understand his father's attitude. He has never even seen me and knows nothing about me."

Mrs. Drummond was formerly a hairdresser and a cinema usherette in the West End of London.

Her parents are dead. Since she left a Convent school eight years ago, she has lived with a married cousin at Hounslow, Middlesex.

## DRUGGED, STRANGLED HER LOVER

A pretty, twenty-year-old wife who held an executive position at Harvard University killed her married lover "because," she said, "I couldn't have him, and I couldn't live without him."

The woman, Helen Steadman, wife of a business executive, asked her lover, Robert Emery, to call on her.

She shared with him a glass of milk in which she had put twenty-six crushed sleeping tablets. When he fell asleep, she twisted a cord round his neck till he was strangled and then fell unconscious from the drug herself.

Helen left her husband last June, when she met Emery and fell in love with him at first sight. Both the woman and her dead lover were parents.



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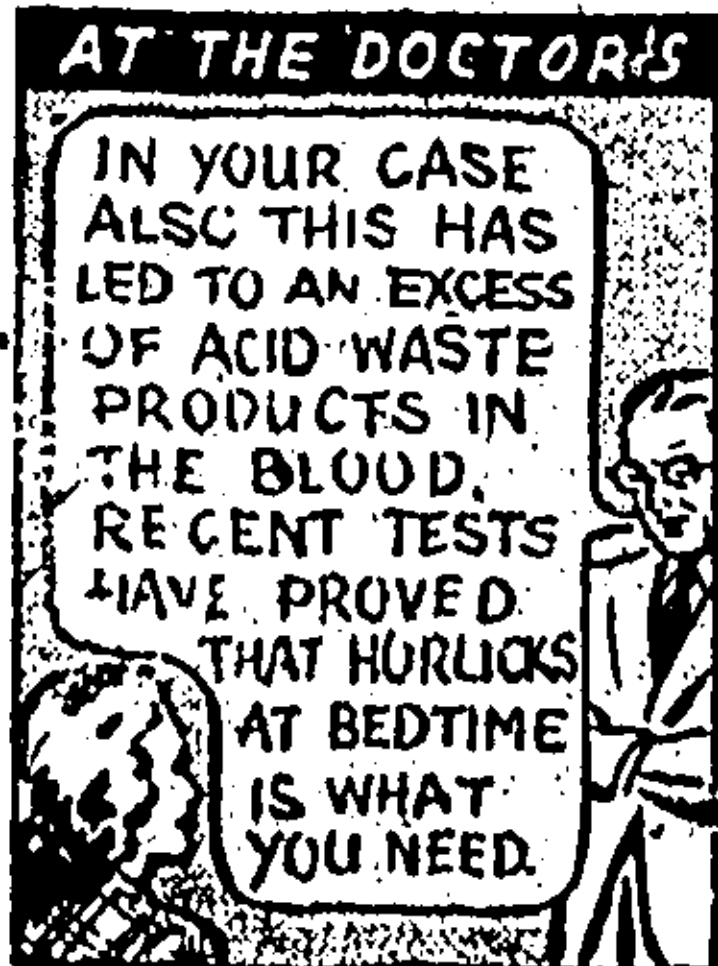
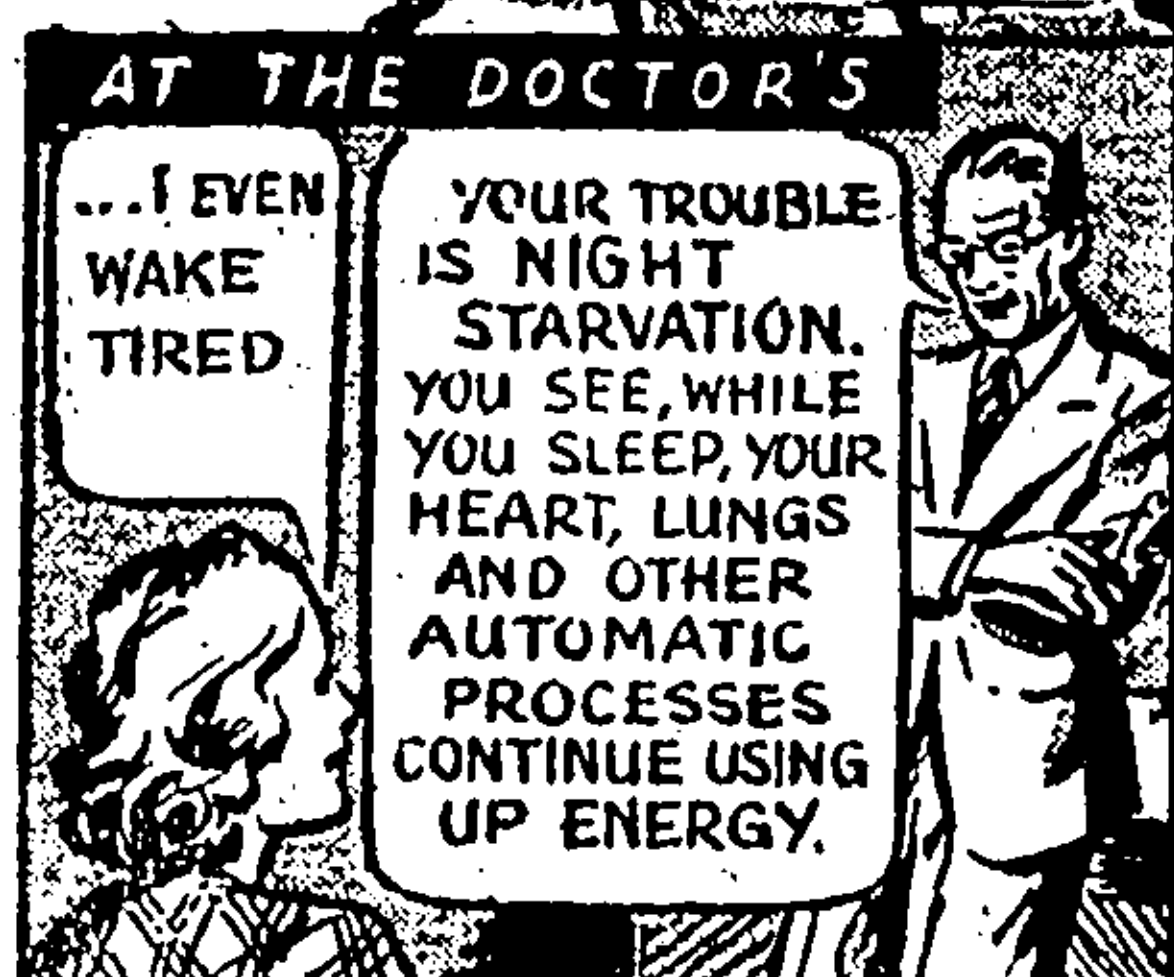
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# DR. GOEBBELS' SILK HAT WON ARLEN GOOD JOB

A "DOLLED-UP little chap like a weasel," wearing a silk hat, passed beneath an hotel window in Athens.

A famous novelist in a room above leaned out, took an instinctive dislike to the little man — and playfully spat on his silk hat. The "dolled-up little chap" was Goebbels, the famous novelist was Michael Arlen.

The result was too great for the "arrogant and intolerable little monster," as the novelist described the Nazi chief.

Goebbels gave instructions that his works were to be banned throughout German territory.

This fact reached the knowledge of the Earl of Dudley, the West Midlands Regional Commissioner, who invited the novelist to spend a week-end with him at his Humeley Hall home.

That night Coventry, a few miles away, was strated. It became imperative that the Commissioner should be assisted by an expert who could act as liaison between him and the public.

## Aided Coventry's Bombed

Michael Arlen got the job. Lord Dudley knew that a man who could spit on the Nazi propagandist-in-chief would be ideal for British propaganda.

Scores of women voluntary workers who have been helping to ease Coventry's burden have been thrilled to receive letters of thanks bearing the signature of the man whose books have often thrilled them.

Michael Arlen, whose real name is Dikran Kouyoumdjian, and who was born in Bulgaria, came to Britain and was naturalised nearly twenty years ago.

He married the beautiful Countess Atalanta Mercati, of Greece, in 1928. They have two children.

## 'PLANES CANNOT BEAT NAVY

In an article in the "Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten," a prominent German naval historian, Capt. von Waldeyer Hartz, breaks the news to its readers that Goering's Luftwaffe is powerless against British sea power.

He protests energetically against the theory, which Nazi propagandists have so ardently advanced, that the German Air Force can destroy the British Fleet. In fact, he goes so far as to say plainly: "I fully adhere to the views expressed in a report by the United States Senate Maritime Commission, that an island people cannot be beaten so long as it retains supremacy at sea."

In proof of the fact that the German Naval Command appreciates this fact, he points to the approaching completion of the 35,000-ton battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz, as evidence that air attack has not affected the important part played in warfare by the capital ship.

Capt. von Waldeyer Hartz is well known in Germany as an authority on naval affairs.

## TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE

DURING A TEMPORARY BREAKDOWN IN THE ELECTRIC LIGHT, THE REV. WILLIAM HENRY WARRINGTON, AGED EIGHTY-THREE, A RETIRED CLERGYMAN, OF WELINGTON ROAD, BOGNOR REGIS, GO OUT OF BED TO TAKE COUGH MIXTURE.

In the darkness he picked up a bottle of liniment in mistake and took a draught.

He was found unconscious and died the following day.

Accidental death was the inquest verdict.

## GERMANS CHASED OVER REICH

The pilot and air gunner of a British plane which shot down a German machine after a thirty-mile chase across enemy territory are among three airmen who have been decorated.

They are Pilot-Officer John Dickinson, R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, who receives the D.F.C., and Sergeant George Gastin Thompson (R.A.F.V.R., the air gunner), who is awarded the D.F.M.

The D.F.C. has also been awarded to Flying-Officer Philip Harold Watts.

Owing to bad weather, Dickinson and Thompson were unable to find their target at Gelsenkirchen, so they bombed a factory near Recklinghausen.

On the return journey they spotted an illuminated dummy flare path, and Dickinson altered course for an aerodrome, where two enemy aircraft, showing navigation lights, were seen.

After a thirty-mile chase Pilot-Officer Dickinson manoeuvred his aircraft for Sergeant Thompson to engage and shoot down one of the enemy machines.

Dickinson was born in 1920. His father lives at Ferryhill, Durham. Thompson, whose wife lives at Gateshead, was born in 1917. Watts's home is at Cranford, Middlesex.

## DEAD, WON SCOUT V.C.

A thirteen-year-old Boy Scout, who died after being rescued from his bombed home, has been awarded the Bronze Cross — the Scout movement's highest order.

He was Ronald Eke, of the 1st Ardleigh Green (Hornchurch) Group, whose parents were killed outright.

### Fortitude

While he was being rescued he gave the A.R.P. squad information about his own family and others in damaged houses.

He sent the squad to rescue them.

He maintained the same fortitude in hospital.

One of his rescuers called him a "great Scout."

## STALLS BAN DISPLAY OF NOVELS

Two big bookstall firms, Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son and Messrs. Wyman's, have decided to stop displaying copies of certain paper-covered editions of novels.

They have done this following a request from the Bishop of London and his associates on the Public Morality Council.

The Council wants to stop the display and sale of the books.

It objects mainly to the somewhat lurid covers on most of the books, which tend to give the impression that the stories deal too much with sex.

These novels are written by American authors of the "nature in the raw" school of fiction.

### Crude, But—

The one which set the Public Morality Council in action was called "No Orchids for Miss Blandish." Its cover showed a beautiful woman in the semi-nude.

"We have had letters from people all over the country about these new paper-backed novels, which sell at a shilling each," Mr. G. Tomlinson, secretary of the Council, said "and we bought copies and read them all."

"I must say that while they were crude, strong stuff, they did not shock me so much as I thought they might do."

"Actually it was the covers to which we objected most strongly."

"We wrote to Messrs. W. H. Smith and Messrs. Wyman's, and these firms agreed to stop displaying the books."

A representative of Messrs. W. H. Smith's said:

"We don't want to offend the public, and if some people feel the covers of the books are offensive then we try to meet their wishes."

### Not Censors

"At the same time we did not set ourselves up as censors of public taste in literature, so we have told our bookstalls not to show the books any more, but to take orders for them if they are asked for."

A representative of Messrs. Rich and Cowan, who have brought out the latest book, called "He Won't Need It Now," with a red-headed girl in green on the cover, laughed.

"After all," he said, "164,000 copies of 'No Orchids for Miss Blandish' were sold. 'He Won't Need It Now' is a jolly good story."

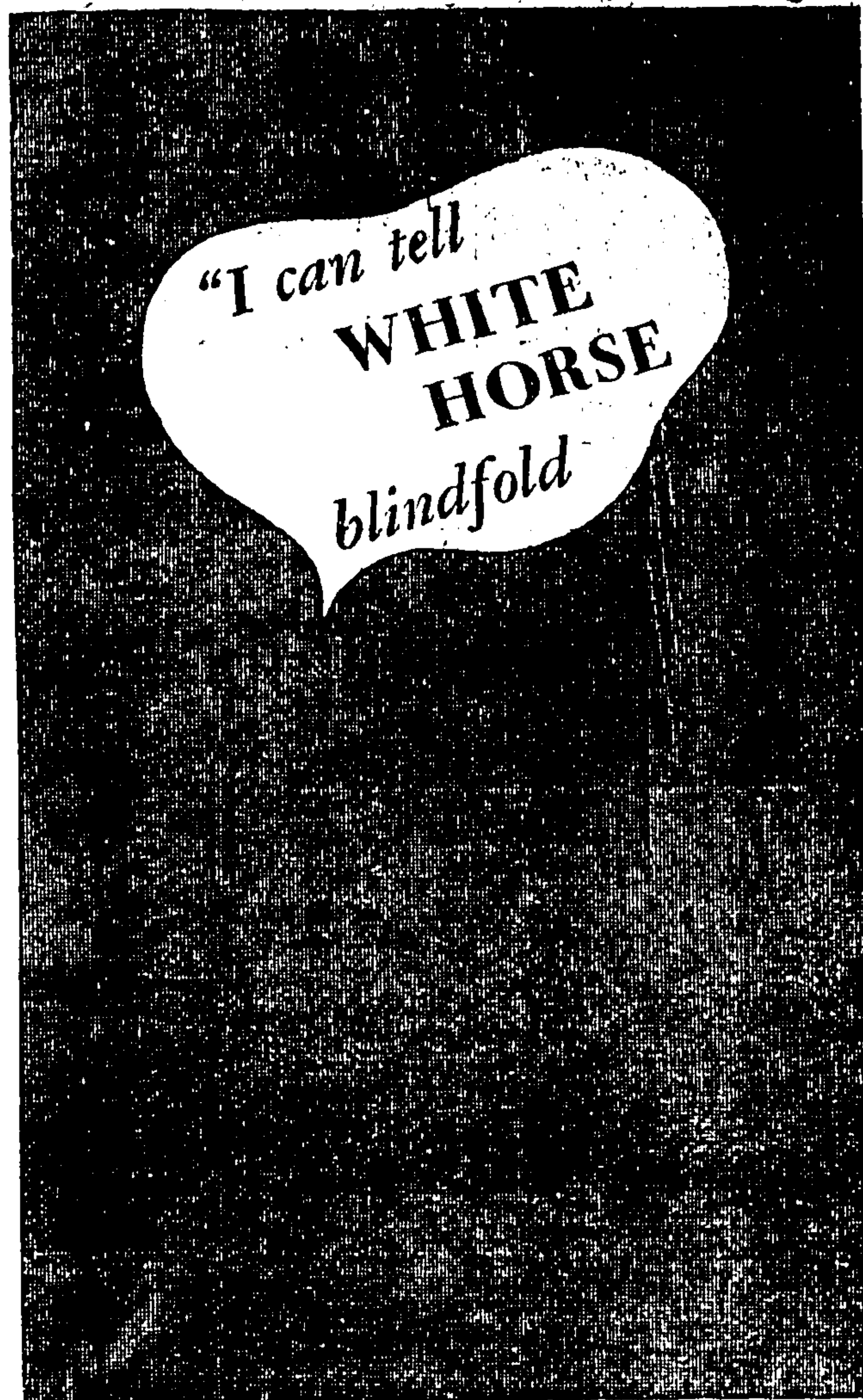
"It is a bit red and raw, and it calls a spade a spade, but there is no harm in that."

## HALFPENNY COSTS £13

J. and F. Stone Lighting and Radio, Ltd., of Worship Street, London, E.C., were fined £10 with three guineas costs at Woolwich for selling a torch battery for one half penny more than the specified price at their Hare Street, Woolwich, branch.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 24th March, 1941 commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road Central, Second Floor.

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Hong Kong, 20th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Official Administrator, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Room No. 205.

## THE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS OF THE LATE MR. J. LOWRIE.

On View on Day of Sale.

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1941.

# NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## G R PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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### Notice To Consumers

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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### Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

### Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

## HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

# BRIDGE NOTES

## The Best Lead By The Four Aces

When a defender holds strength in each side-suit, he will often find it best to choose a trump for his opening lead. His strength indicates that the opponents have been bidding on distribution, and the trump lead will limit the number of ruffing tricks available to the Declarer. For example:

North, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable  
♠ 8 7 6 2  
♥ 7  
♦ 9 8 7 5 4 2  
♣ A 5  
♠ 9 5 4  
♥ A 10 3  
♦ K Q J  
♣ Q J 9 3  
N  
W  
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♠ 3  
♥ 9 8 6 4  
♦ 2  
♣ A 10 6  
♠ A K Q J 10  
♥ K Q J 5  
♦ 3  
♣ 10 7 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
4♠ Pass

West led the four of trumps for the reason already given, and it was a good thing for him that

he had done some thinking about the opening lead, for any other opening lead would have allowed South to make the contract. South won with the ten of spades and returned the Jack of hearts, hoping to "sneak" it through. But West stepped up with the heart Ace and returned the five of spades.

South cashed the heart King, discarding dummy's low club, and then led a club to dummy's Ace. But now there was no way to return to his own hand except by leading a diamond and hoping that East would win the first diamond trick. East was alive to the danger, however, so played a low diamond in order to allow his partner to win with the diamond Jack. And West promptly returned his last trump, leaving dummy with only one trump to be used for ruffing.

South had already lost a heart and a diamond and held three losing cards in hearts and clubs—with only one trump in dummy to take care of them. Two of those cards therefore had to be lost, and with them the contract. Had West failed to lead a trump at every opportunity, dummy would have been able to ruff twice, giving South his contract.

Yesterday you were Merwin Mader's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 9 8  
♥ 7 3 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ A K 10 4

The bidding:  
Mader Jacoby You Schenken  
Pass Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one club. The hand is not strong enough and not of the right type for an opening no-trump bid; and to open with one spade would give you serious rebid problems if partner's response were in either red suit. Score 100% for one club, 20% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

## Question No. 670

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Mader Jacoby You Schenken  
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass  
1♠ Pass 1♠ (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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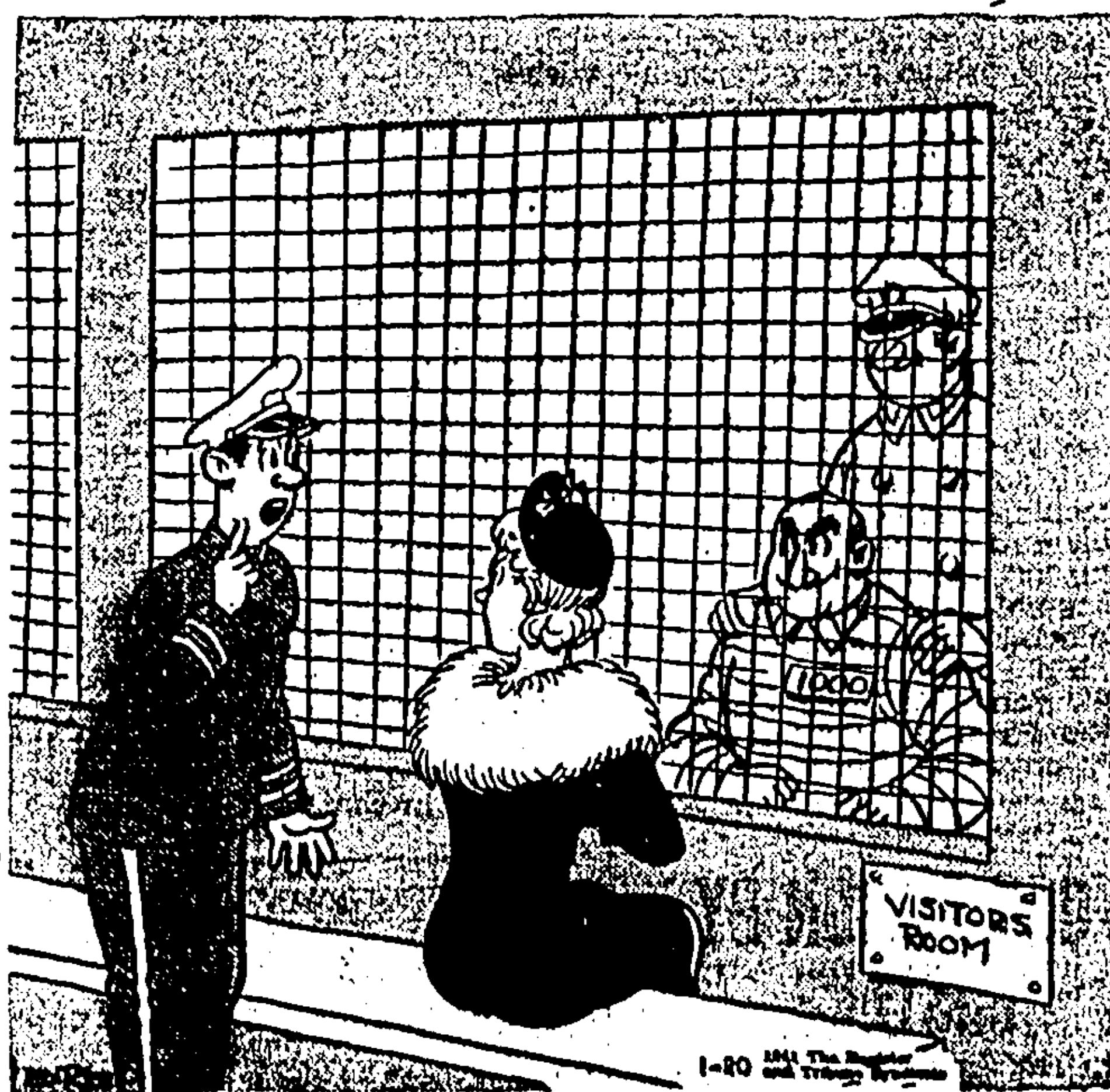
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Rossini.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Joe Green (Xylophone &amp; Bell) and Milt Herth (Organ).

1.10 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) and The London Palladium Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter &amp; Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots So Do I (from 'Pennies from Heaven'), One, Two, Button Your Shoe (from 'Pennies from Heaven'), Jimmy Dorsey &amp; His Orchestra.

Tango: Mano A Mano, Per Vos Vo Me Rompo Todo Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Go Fly A Kite (from 'The Star Maker'), A Man and His Dream (from 'The Star Maker'), Jimmy Dorsey &amp; His Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trots When I Dream of Home, Moonlight and Minnie, Joe Loss &amp; His Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trot—Someday, Sweetheart, Muggsy Spanier &amp; His Rhythmic Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).

Minuet of the Will O' The Wisp (from 'Damnation of Faust' Berlioz).

Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

None But The Lonely Heart, Op. 6, No. 6 (Tchaikovsky), Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Larghetto (from Concerto No. 12 in B Minor—Handel) Boston Symphony Orchestra cond. by Serge Koussevitzky.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Newsletter by O. M. Green.

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera, Marriage of Figaro—Overture (Mozart), Vienna Philharmonic Orch.

Ah, I am suffocating—Clock Scene from 'Boris Godunov' (Moussorgsky), Theodore Chailapine (Bass) with Orchestra.

The Battered Bride—Fantasia (Smetana, arr. Fetras), Symphony Orchestra.

My husband, Punchinello—Harlequin's Serenade ('I Pagliacci')—Leoncavallo, Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and Iva Pacetti (Soprano) with Orch.

Dance of the Apprentices ('The Mastersingers of Nuremberg'—Wagner).

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 Yes, she was taken from me—Each  
 tear that falls ('Rigoletto'—Verdi)  
 Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with  
 Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music. Introduction.

Dance of the Queen of the Swans—Dance of the Prince Dance of the Queen of the Swans—Waltz—Dance of the Swans—Spanish Dance—Mazurka—Dance of the Cygnets Finale.

London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Antal Dorati.

8.35 p.m.—A Piano and Violin Recital by Vladimir Horowitz and Yehudi Menuhin.

Valse Oubliee (Liszt), Capriccio in F Minor (Dohnanyi), Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).

Romanza Andaluza Spanish Dance—Op. 22 (Sarasate), Hungarian Dance No. 6 in B Flat Major (Brahms-Johann), Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano acc.

Pastourelle; Toccata (Poulenc); Etude XI Pour Les Arpeges Composes (Debussy), Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).

La Chasse Caprice (Carter-Kreisler), Turkish March Scherzo (Beethoven-Auer), Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano acc.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Request Variety Programme. Vocal Duet Another One Gone (Nicholls), Norah Blaney &amp; Gwen Farrar with Piano &amp; Cello.

'Chu Chin Chow'—Selection (Norton) London Palladium Orchestra.

Vocal—Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias, Simon), Bing Crosby with Eddie Dunstetter at the Organ.

Dixieland—Selection, Intro: Whistling Rufus, Alexander's Ragtime Band; Deep River Dinah, The Wedding Glitter, Oh! You Beautiful Doll, I Want to be in Dixie; The Gaby Blide; The Shiek; The Ragtime Violin; That Mysterious Rag; Back Home in Tennessee; Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal—When April Sings; Waltzing in the Clouds (both from film 'Spring Parade'), Deanna Durbin with Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Correspondence Column by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 p.m.—Request Variety Programme continued.

Orch.—Gaiety Memories, Intro: Going Up; Every Little Girl can teach me something New; The Last Waltz; They didn't believe me; White City; Brighton; The Tickle Toe; Mary; Here in my Arms; The Guards Brigade; London Palladium Orchestra.

Vocal—You're A Sweetheart (from the film 'My Fine Feathered Friend' (film 'You're a Sweetheart')) Greta Keller with Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Star Dust Covered Bundle; Joe Loss &amp; His Orch.

Vocal—The Wizard of Oz—Selection—Steffani &amp; His Silver Songsters.

Rumba—Mario La O... Lecuona Cuban Boys.

Vocal—Where Yorkshire and Lancashire Meet (Evans &amp; Others) Kitty Masters assisted by Bert Masters and Two Pianos.

Slow Fox-Trot—I Love You Much Too Much; Ambrose &amp; His Orchestra.

Vocal—That Sly Old Gentleman (film 'East side of Heaven')... Bing Crosby with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Sweet Potato Piper (film 'The Road to Singapore')... Glenn Miller &amp; His Orchestra.

Savoy Southern Memories, Intro: Uncle Ned; My Old Kentucky Home; Massa's in de cold, cold ground; Who's dat a-calling; Carry Me Back to Old Virginia; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Camp Town Races; Deep River; Debroy Somers Band with Male Chorus.

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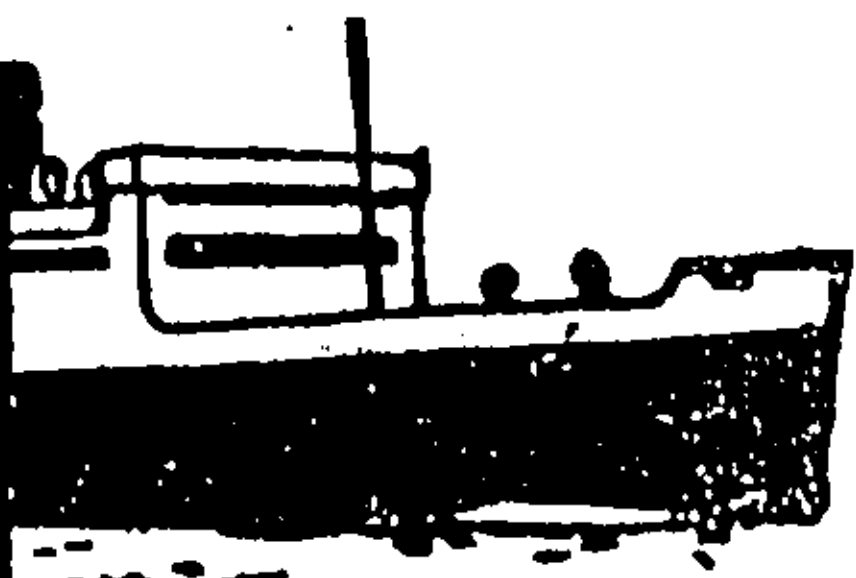
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RUGBY**

The following will represent Lt. Carter's XV v A. N. Other XV tomorrow in a Rugby match at Causeway Bay, kick-off 4.30 p.m.:  
Thompson: McGill, Paul, Day and A. N. Other; Aitkenhead and Bowden; Bompas, Dunnett, Palmer, King, Stockham, Kennedy (Capt.), Lee and Flynn.

**CRICKET FIXTURES  
CANCELLED**

Owing to Volunteer and other duties, the Cricket Club is cancelling its remaining cricket fixtures—

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Army Medical Corps beat Air Force by 8 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

Scores were:—

R.A.F.	
Goodwin, run out	3
Gash, b Coombes	0
Richardson, c Pratt, b Wyre	12
Paling, b Wyre	1
Stimson, l.b.w., b Coombes	0
Manfield, not out	7
Bartlett, c Coombes, b Wyre	1

tures—for to-morrow and next Saturday.

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Hunt, c Pratt, b Wyre	0
Gillespie, c and b Wyre	13
Smith, b Wyre	2
Hawkins, b Wyre	0
Extras (B9)	9
Total	42

**Bowling Analysis**

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	7.3	1	12	7
Coombes	7	1	21	2
R.A.M.C.				
Webb, retired				26
Swyer, c Gash, b Hawkins				2
Coombes, b Gillespie				19
Dost Mohamed, b Smith				15
Musson, b Smith				2

**MARATHON  
POSTPONED**

The twentieth Annual Kowloon Marathon Race, sponsored by St. Andrew's Church, which was scheduled to be held this afternoon, has been postponed until next Friday.

Entries have now been extended to next Tuesday and all those who have entered for the original date, are requested to reaffirm their intention of running on the revised date.

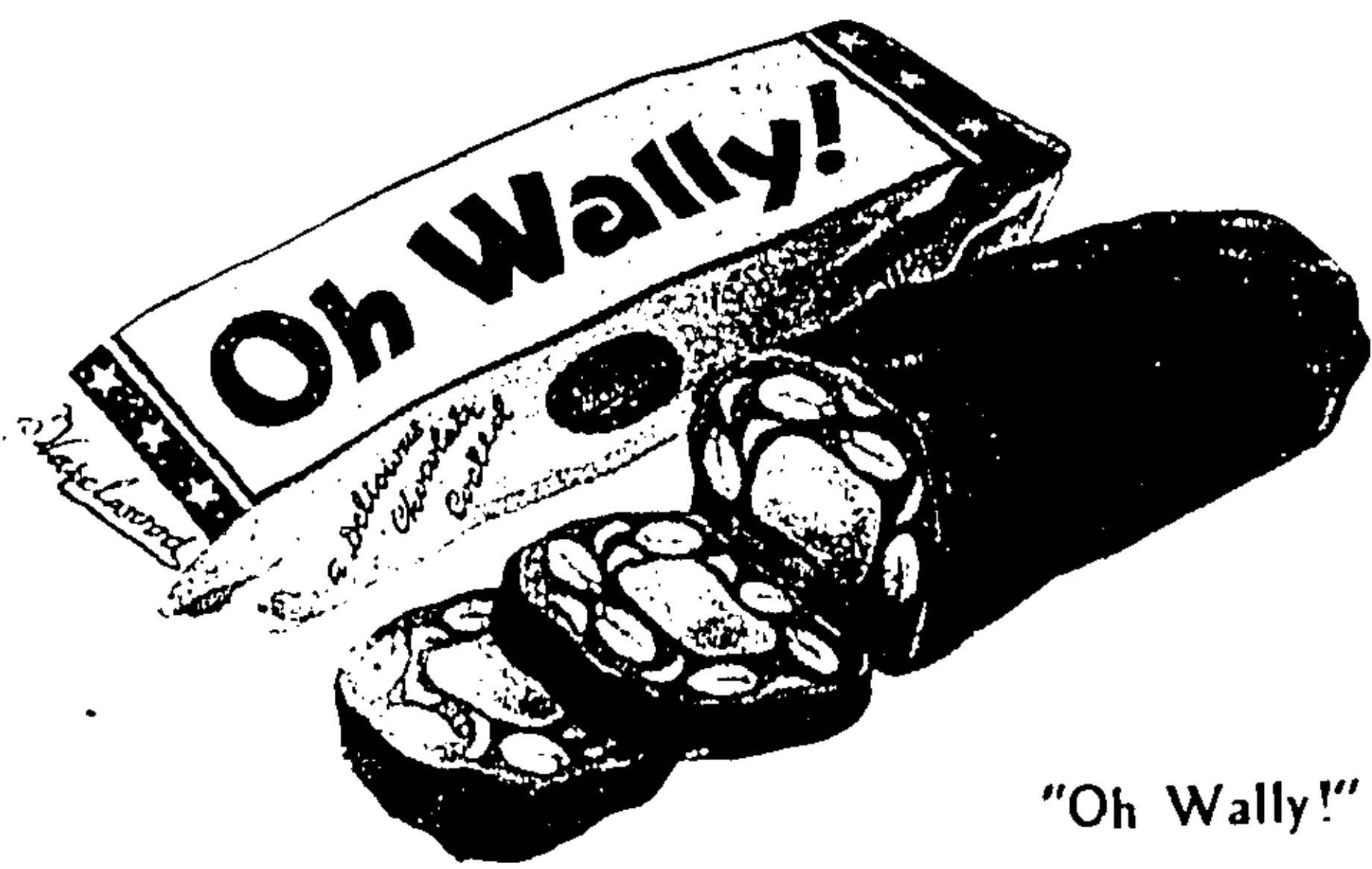
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**Bowling Analysis**

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	5	0	27	2
Hawkins	5	0	24	1
Gillespie	3	0	23	1
Richardson	4	1	5	1
Goodwin	2.4	0	13	3
Paling	1	0	6	0

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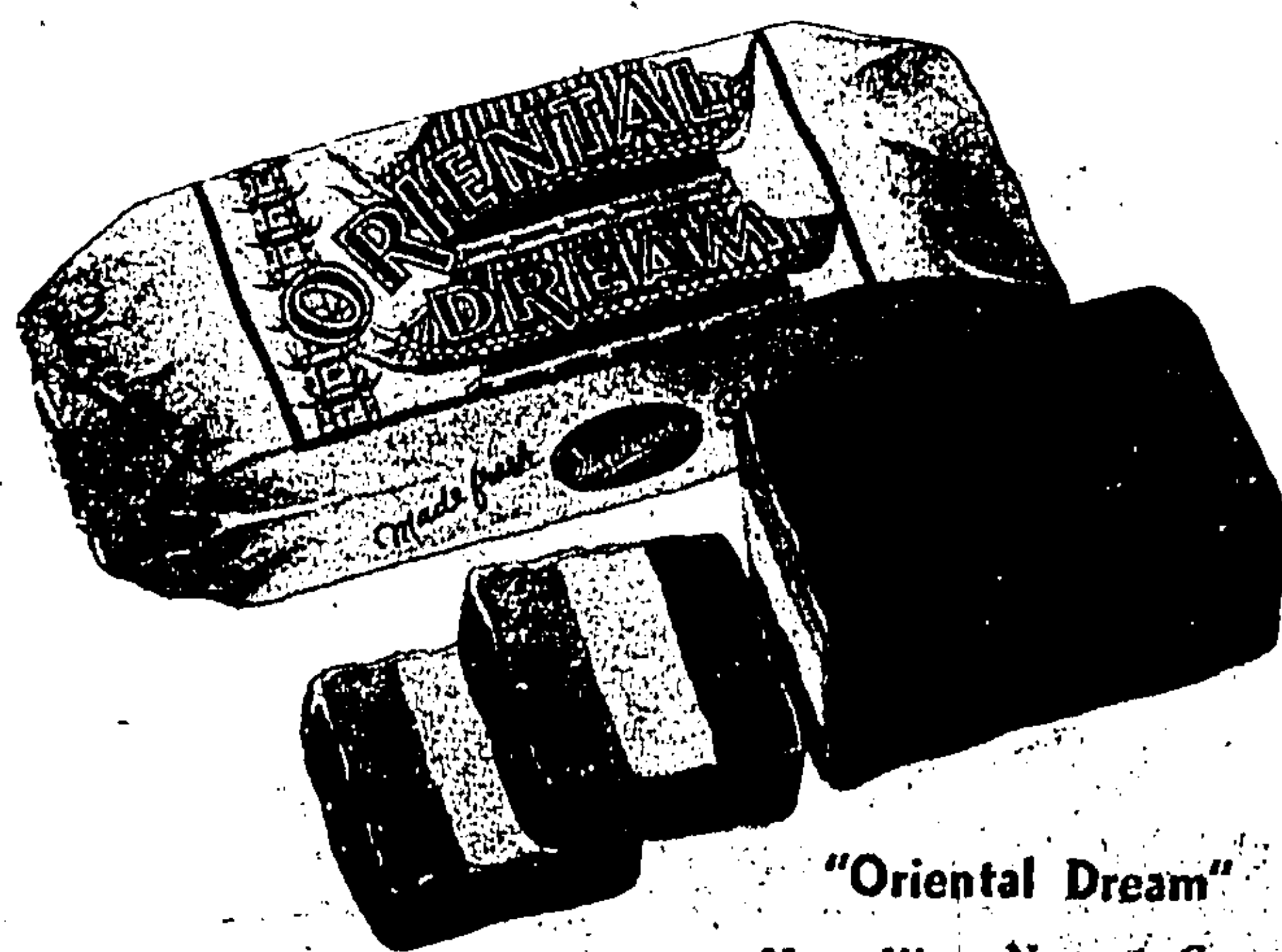
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# BAFFIN BAY LIKELY TO WIN MELBOURNE CUP

## But Strong Challenge Expected From Viceroy Black Seal And Venus Bay For The "Double"

"By Rapiet"

KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT was felt among racing enthusiasts last Saturday when it was announced that the First Extra Race Meeting had again to be postponed. No rain fell throughout the day, but, with the sky overcast and in view of the sodden state of the track, the decision taken was a wise one.

The sun having made a most welcome re-appearance, the track should be firm to-morrow when the postponed meeting will be held, and I have no doubt that better racing will result under the circumstances.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and nine events are on the programme, the majority of which will be contested by the new ponies, both Australian and China, that have not won a race during the Annual Carnival.

The outstanding event of the day will be the Melbourne Cup, over two miles, which has aroused considerable discussion. This race is open to Australian Ponies of any season, but winners of \$4,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1941 are barred. A thrilling finish is expected, with the result in doubt probably right up to the very end.

### RANDWICK PLATE (FIRST SECTION) ONE MILE

The programme opens with a race for Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not scored a win since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting.

Jus Gentium (Mr. Black) is the obvious choice for a win here in view of its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, and I consider Vitamin M to be the only pony among the entries that may be able to offer a challenge. I have been given to understand, however, that Vitamin M will not be starting on account of an injury received during the Carnival, in which case Snow White (Mr. Pih) should place second. For third place a good fight should be seen between Angel of Glory (Mr. Yuen) and Seal River (Mr. Hearne).

### LOITERERS STAKES SIX FURLONGS

New Griffins that have not won a race will try conclusions here, and Charlesber, although disappointing badly on its last outing when it was beaten by Sam's Choice by a short head in the Nil Desperandum Stakes, should be strongly supported; I rather fancy its chances.

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei), which was third to Charlesber in the race referred to above, offers a threat as it can move pretty fast though lacking in stamina. However, if Mr. Wei is able to hold it back until the last quarter, it may spring a surprise.

Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Tao) should secure third place and, for

outsider, I suggest Night Express (Mr. Ip Ku-yung) as this pony has shown much improvement judging by its morning gallops.

### RANDWICK PLATE (SECOND SECTION) ONE MILE

Second section of non-winning Australian subscription griffins of 1941 will figure in this race, and, judging by results, I expect the finish to resolve into a battle between the following:—

Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao);  
Corsair (Mr. P. P. Botelho);  
Daylight (Mr. Wei);  
Sydney Diamond (Mr. Chang);  
and,  
Lodestar (Mr. Davis).

Corsair came third in the Flemington Plate (First Section) over the mile, and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Bona Vacantia, which did extremely well in the first section of the Perth Plate, when it came in second to Moonlight.

Daylight, with a change of jockey in Mr. Wei, is expected to be near at the finish, while Sydney Diamond, which was a disappointment during the Carnival but has yet to show its true form, is a possible for a win to-morrow on account of the hard track envisaged.

Lodestar is running very well at the moment during morning gallops and should not be disregarded. Although it did not gain a place at the Annual Meeting, it is quite capable of extending the above-named ponies.

### MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is confined to "B" Class, Australian subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941. Springhurst (Mr. Poy), for its second placing to Brutus in the Ladies' Purse, has been penalised 5 lb., which I think is not too severe a handicap, and, as the distance is only a mile, I fancy it to win.

Connieher (Mr. Chao), for its third placing to Springhurst, is up by a pound and will probably take second place.

Devonian (Mr. Black), ran poorly in the Ladies' Purse when it led the field until the Football Stands for the second time round and then faded out of the picture. In view of its light weight, however, coupled with the shorter distance and ground conditions, I think it has a grand opportunity of reversing its defeat at the hands of the above two ponies and thus giving a nice welcome to His Excellency the Governor, who recently returned.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Treverton) was only a short head behind Springhurst, the second pony in the Bendigo Handicap, from the two mile post, and for that reason it can be relied upon to give a good account of itself in this race. Rowan (Mr. Hearne) is another likely pony which may cause an upset.

Everything considered, I expect Springhurst to win with Connieher second and Vixen Tor third, leaving Devonian the pony to cause the upset—if there should be one at all.

### RANDWICK PLATE (THIRD SECTION) ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined



to third section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that did not win a race at the Annual Race Meeting.

From the entries I recommend Black Seal, which will be taken out by Mr. Needa, as it was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down among prospective winners. Why it has failed so far I cannot understand, but with this field I think it should win.

The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang), which was third in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over this distance, should fill second place, with Bendigo (Mr. Black) taking the other place. Strathalbyn (Mr. Treverton) and Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan) are promising outsiders.

### MELBOURNE CUP: TWO MILES

This, the main event of the afternoon, is confined to Australian ponies of past and present seasons that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941, and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between the following:—

Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa);  
Viceroy (Mr. Black);  
First Love (Mr. Liang);  
Fleetwing (Mr. Poy); and,  
Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis).

Baffin Bay will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and, on form, should have no difficulty in winning, although Viceroy, which won the Kara Kara Handicap on the third day of the Annual Meeting, should give it a good race as it is very fit at the moment.

The fight for third place should be between First Love and Marsh Warbler.

For an outsider, I recommend Fleetwing.

### BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "C" Class, Australian Subscription ponies. Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), is undoubtedly the best and has

accordingly been allotted top weight. In view of its performance in the Benarba Handicap (Two Miles), when it came in second to Centre Court carrying the same weight, and as the distance is only a mile, it should not have any trouble in winning for the first time this year.

The pony to watch, however, is Cheerful Star, but as this animal has not been seen for some time at the Course in the morning, I doubt if it will start. If it does it should give Venus Bay a keen fight.

Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) must also be considered as it is good enough to extend the above two ponies.

My choice is Venus Bay to win, with Cheerful Star second and Shuttlecock third.

### RANDWICK PLATE (FOURTH SECTION) ONE MILE

Fourth Section of 1941 non-winning Australian Subscription Griffins will fight out the issue in this race and from their performances during the Carnival I should not be far wrong in suggesting A Rosy Time (Mr. Black), which was second in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over the mile, as the likely winner.

However, there is Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne) to be reckoned with as this pony ran a good second in the Blue Mountains Plate (Second Section) over this distance, and Optima Fide (Mr. Chao), which is also good enough to win.

Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should also be in the picture in the final run home if Mr. Botelho can hold it until after passing the Rock.

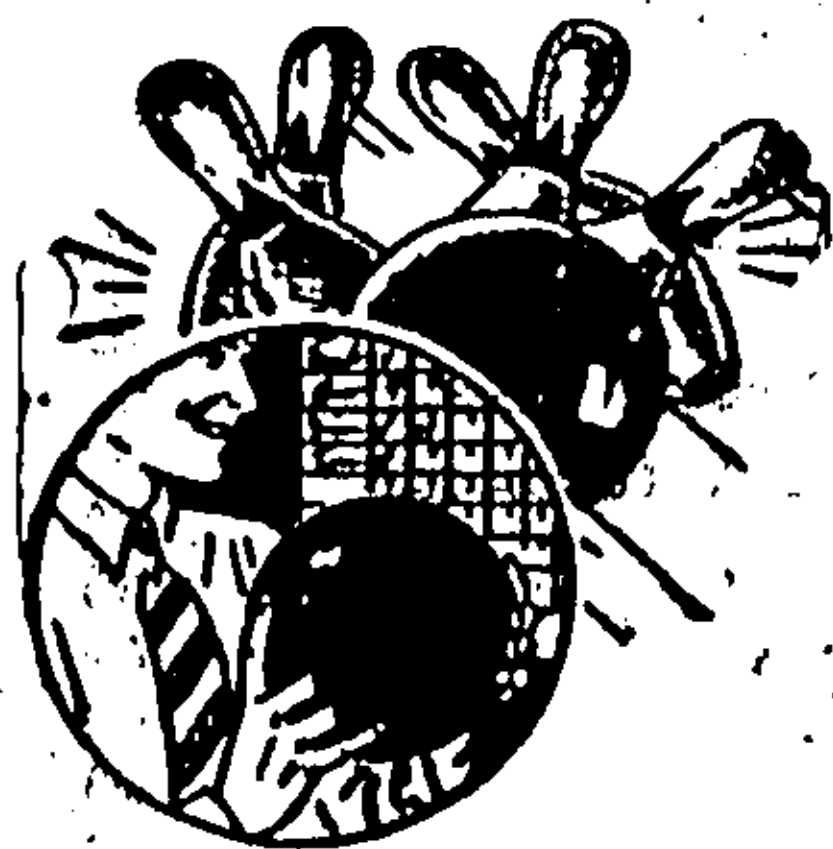
### OAKLEIGH PLATE: ONE MILE

This is the final event of the day, for Australian Ponies, griffins of this season that have not won. Looking over the entries, Oracle (Mr. Needa) appears the logical choice for a win in view of its second placing in the Austral Racing Stakes to Coloma, while Prairie View (Mr. Pih), which came in second to A Luxurious Time in the Caulfield Stakes, should take second place.

Mr. Chao is taking out Nomine Poenae instead of Vis Major in this race and should take third place.

King's Welcome has been a disappointment thus far but may do well to-morrow.

My choice for first three are Oracle, Prairie View and Nomine Poenae.



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By "Adrem"

Two matches were played in the Colony tennis tournament at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday but only one was finished the Rumjahn cousins, holders of the doubles title, receiving little opposition from Lee Ming and Kenneth Lo—and M. Pagh and O. Umetani being unable to reach a decision after a gruelling struggle which lasted almost an hour and a half.

From a point of view of lengthy rallies and determination by both men the match between Pagh and Umetani will probably not be surpassed at any stage of the tournament. Umetani was the better player, in that he was fully equipped to play every stroke, but Pagh's fluent forehand drive and accurate placements on the backhand, combined with judicious lobbing enabled him to hold his own.

Umetani won the first set at 6-4, after leading 4-2 and Pagh took the second, after a great fight, at 8-6.

### Pagh's Shortcomings

Obvious shortcomings in Pagh's game were evident throughout the encounter. His accurate driving frequently drove Umetani out of position but Pagh's inability to force the issue from the net placed him at a great disadvantage and for the most part he was forced to concentrate on maintaining the rallies until Umetani broke down.

Umetani, early in the proceedings, endeavoured to force matters from the forecourt but after several of these sorties had met with some success, Pagh found a length with his lobbing and Umetani was forced to stay back. The best stroke the Japanese player produced was a cross-court forehand drive which he hit

with power and accuracy into his opponent's forehand corner. His running forehand drive up the sidelines was also accurately executed.

Towards the end both men were obviously exhausted and the result of a final set would have been difficult to forecast.

The match will be replayed at some future date.

Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming were far from impressive against the Rumjahns, although Lo occasionally pulled out a nice forehand drive.

### TO-DAY'S FIXTURES

OPEN DOUBLES  
W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v W. Chung and S. T. Chau (5).

## TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were yesterday's Tennis Results:

OPEN SINGLES  
O. Umetani (6-4) v M. Pagh (8-6) Unfinished. To be replayed.

OPEN DOUBLES  
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Kenneth Lo and Lee Wing 6-1, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP  
V. R. Gordon beat A. K. MacKenzie 6-3, 6-0.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES  
G. Stirling Lee received walk-over from E. S. Hall.  
H. C. D. Knight beat A. C. I. Bowker 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui v R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (8).  
B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow v W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell (4).

CLUB SINGLES  
P. J. Elder v T. C. Monaghan (6).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES  
D. S. Robb (3/6) v E. R. Childs (1/6).

(1). H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) v E. H. Brazel (-2.6) (2).

T. J. Gould (-15.3) v D. A. Murdoch (-2.6) (3).

F. D. Hunter (2/6) v S. E. Lavrov (2.6) (7).

# K.W. CHOY IMPRESSES AT TAIKOO; GOOD MIXED DOUBLES MATCH

By Adrem

A LARGE AND ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME OF COLONY BADMINTON MATCHES WAS DECIDED AT TAIKOO YESTERDAY, A FAIRLY LARGE CROWD BEING PRESENT DESPITE THE DISTANCE IT WAS NECESSARY TO TRAVEL, PRINCIPALLY TO WATCH K. W. CHOY, THE MOST TALKED OF PLAYER THIS YEAR, IN ACTION.

Choy figured in two matches—a men's doubles and a mixed doubles—both of which were won easily. He revealed himself as a splendid player, whose coverage of court, anticipation and effortless clearing shots will make him a strong contender for the singles crown. His men's doubles partner, K. B. Low, who has not been seen in the tournament hitherto, is also a fine player, and these two are likely to make a strong bid for the doubles title.

Most thrilling match of the evening was between M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva, who have played together for years, and David Kwok and Mrs. Peggy Wilson. Winning the first game as the result of brilliant all-round play, the Cathedral pair appeared to have the match in hand when they led 12-8 in the final session. Oliveira and Miss Silva, however, fought back with determination and, after "setting," went on to win.

There was little to choose between the opposite numbers of either side. Kwok was probably the cleverer of the two men but Oliveira made up for any shortcomings in his game by his speed in covering court and his decisive overhead work.

His attack of service was masterly and at one stage had the effect of partially demoralising the opposition.

### Mrs. Wilson Good

Mrs. Wilson, although she was apt to go for shots that should have been left to her partner showed vast improvement and she rarely made a mistake with anything at the net that should have been punished. Miss Silva, was erratic early on but later improved considerably.

The splendid positioning of Choy was the feature of the final mixed doubles match. Although Atlaplavanar tried very hard and occasionally brought off some splendid shots, he could find no flaw in Choy's play. Miss Gonzales was probably the steadier of the two ladies and she had some rare duels with Choy from which she did not always emerge unsuccessful.

In the only other game, Ernie Zimmermann, of K.C.C. beat J. Hool. Zimmermann was accurate in the later stages and was able to dictate terms. His best scoring shots were a cross-court smash and well-placed drop.

## BADMINTON RESULTS AT A GLANCE

JUNIOR SINGLES  
E. Zimmermann beat J. Hool 15-5, 7-15 and 15-10.  
SENIOR DOUBLES  
K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves 15-4, 15-10.  
MIXED DOUBLES  
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 14-17, 15-3, 18-15.  
K. W. Choy and Mrs. N. Castro beat S. Atlaplavanar and Miss T. Gonsalves 15-9, 15-5.

## SCHOOLS' SPORTS

The final of the annual Inter-Schools Athletic Sports will take place at Caroline Hill Stadium today, commencing at 2 p.m. A programme of 11 events will be decided.

Mr. C. G. Sollis, Director of Education, will distribute the prizes.

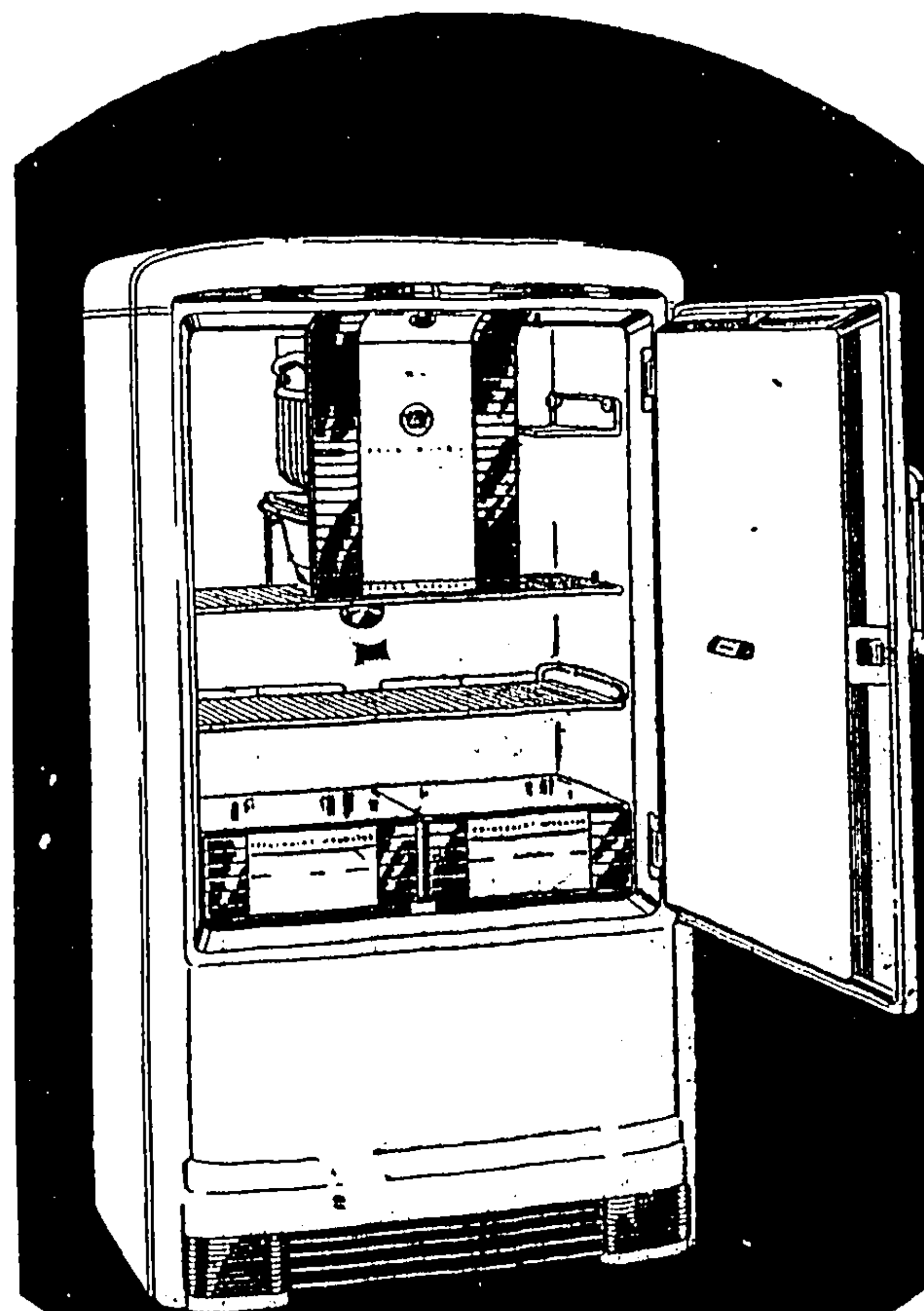
Following is the programme:—100 Metres (2.00 p.m.); Long Jump (2.10 p.m.); 800 Metres (2.30 p.m.); Pole Vault (2.40 p.m.); 200 Metres (3.00 p.m.); Shot Putt (3.10 p.m.); 400 Metres (3.25 p.m.); High Jump (3.40 p.m.); 1,600 Metres (4.00 p.m.); 110 Metres High Hurdles (4.10 p.m.) and Medley Relay Race (4.25 p.m.).

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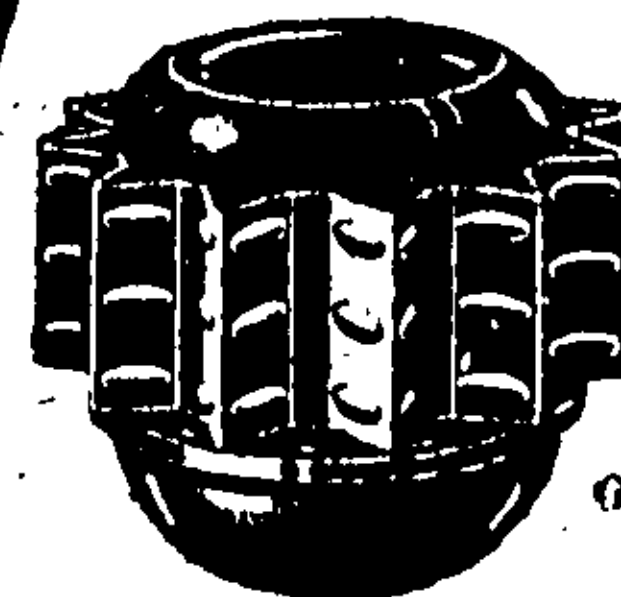
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# KENTTOWN MACHINE-GUNNED

## German Raids Along The Coastal Region

### Alert In London Last Night

**THERE WAS SLIGHT ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY.**

On the Kent coast yesterday morning machine-gun fire was directed at the streets of a town and bombs were dropped at two points, says the latest Air Ministry communique.

Houses were damaged and a small number of casualties occurred, some of which were fatal. Bombs were also dropped in a south coast district but damage was small.

The alert sounded in the London area last night and heavy gunfire soon heralded the approach of raiders who appeared to be coming in from the Thames Estuary. Enemy planes were also believed to be in the vicinity of the south-west and East Anglia.

### DUTCH FREIGHTER SUNK

The Navy Department of the Netherlands East Indies reported last night that the Dutch freighter "Simaloe" (6,500 tons) must be considered lost after an air attack in the Atlantic at the beginning of March.

It is believed that, of the crew of 71, only two Chinese firemen are missing.—Reuter.

### WORLD BROADCAST BY PRESIDENT

A speech President Roosevelt is to make at a dinner in Washington on Jackson Day, March 29, attended by leaders of the Democratic Party, is to be broadcast all over the world.—Reuter.

### Dive Bomber Destroyed

Meanwhile the Admiralty records that a German dive-bomber was destroyed in the afternoon by the drifter "Young Mun" (Skipper G. B. Buchan, R.N.R.) and the yacht "Chico" (Lt. J. Mason, D.S.C., R.N.V.R.).

The German bomber made a dive attack on the ships. The gunner of the "Young Mun" continued to fire his Lewis gun into the enemy until the dive-bomber was within 50 feet. The dive-bomber, hit and out of control, was unable to check its dive. It carried away the mizzenmast of the "Young Mun" and disintegrated alongside the ship.—Reuter.

### 60,000-TON BATTLESHIPS FOR U.S.

The next United States battleships to be built under the two-ocean navy programme will be from 60,000 to 65,000 tons, and thus will be the world's largest battleships.

This was stated by naval experts in the House of Representatives yesterday.—Reuter.

### JAPAN'S PLIGHT

### Scarcity Of Good Whisky

Many Germans are receiving small parcels of tea, coffee, sugar and soap from friends or relatives in Thailand, and the fact that these parcels have to go via Japan, Siberia and Russia is regarded as indication of the shortage of these commodities in Germany.

The parcels are apparently described as "samples" and there is no limit to the number which can be addressed to any single recipient, provided the weight of each does not exceed one kilogram.

Whisky is the largest single item among foodstuffs and beverages sent by Japanese in Thailand as "gifts" to friends or relations at home.

These gifts go by sea and air mail and good whisky is now so scarce in Japan, it is stated, that it is considered well worth paying the costs involved, as well as the heavy import duties recipients in Japan must pay.—Reuter.

### INDO-CHINA FLEET STRENGTHENED

A FURTHER ADDITION TO THE FRENCH ASIATIC FLEET LOOMED WITH A REPORT THAT THREE CRUISERS OF THE 7,600-TON CLASS AND ONE SUBMARINE HAVE ALREADY LEFT FRANCE EN ROUTE TO SAIGON, STATES A JAPANESE REPORT.

It is recalled that a French submarine arrived at Saigon on March 6 from France.

The three cruisers are reported to include the Gloire, Marseillaise and Montcalm.—Reuter.

### MORE JAPANESE LEAVE SINGAPORE

The N.Y.K. liner "Haruna Maru" sailed from Singapore for Japan at noon yesterday carrying the last group of Japanese women and children evacuating Singapore in view of the mounting tension in the Far East, states a Japanese report.

Count Michimasa Soewima and seven members of the Afghanistan mission to Japan were also on board.—Reuter.

### YAVELLO TAKEN BY BRITISH FORCES

**YAVELLO, IN SOUTHERN Abyssinia, has been taken by British regular troops, according to yesterday's official communique from British General Headquarters in Cairo, which adds that operations are proceeding in the Neghelli area.**

British patrols have contacted the enemy in difficult mountainous country surrounding Marda Pass, eight miles west of Jijiga, the capture of which, says the communique, was not difficult. Some prisoners were taken with the town.

"By the capture of this important centre, new routes have been opened up running east to Berbera and west to Diredawa, where the road meets through the railway from Djibouti."

Meanwhile the Italians are putting up a desperate resistance at Keren, though reports reaching Cairo indicate they lack adequate air support.

The position of the British forces in this area continues to develop favourably, stated the Cairo military spokesman last night.

### In Contact

In Abyssinia, he said, patriot forces are maintaining pressure on Debra-Marcos, which is half surrounded, while the Imperial forces who captured Jijiga are now in contact with the enemy half way to Harar.—Reuter.

### SLIGHTLY DELAYED!

**HOW A BRITISH HEAVY BOMBER ON THE WAY TO BOMB COLOGNE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISPOSED OF A MESSERSCHMIDT FIGHTER, IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.**

The Messerschmidt came in three times to attack the bomber, whose fire hit the fighter and probably destroyed it.

After this encounter the bomber went on to bomb Cologne.—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

Yugoslavia now has 1,200,-

000 men mobilised, most of whom are massed on the Bulgarian frontier, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

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## BRITISH SUBMARINES SINK TROOPSHIPS

### Grim Losses Inflicted On Italians

A FURTHER SUCCESS has been reported by British submarines operating against Italy's sea communications with the Italian army overseas, says an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

The submarine Utmost (Lt.-Comdr. R. D. Cayley) carried out a successful attack on an escorted convoy of two deeply laden Italian transports of about 6,000 and 4,000 tons crowded with troops.

The explosions of the torpedoes were followed by a very violent explosion and it is considered certain that at least one transport was completely destroyed.

### U.S. NAVY BEHIND BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"The American Navy stands behind the British Empire," declared Rear-Admiral J. S. Newton in Sydney last night.

Rear-Admiral Newton, who commands the squadron of U.S. warships on a goodwill visit, made this statement at an official Government dinner.

He added: "There are many things I would like to say to you but cannot. We are behind you in your fight for Democracy." — International News Service.

### SHADOWS BEFORE

CLEAR INDICATION OF THE PRESENT STATE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON TO BE GIVEN BY THE FACT, LEARNED YESTERDAY, THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY SENT A CIRCULAR TO ALL CONSULS AND OTHER OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ASKING FOR INFORMATION THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN THE EVENT OF SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

It is believed that the circular emphasised there was no present intention of breaking off relations, but the information was required so that shipping space and other facilities could be arranged should a break occur. — Reuter.

The submarine Triumph (Lt.-Comdr. W. J. Woods) has sunk two deeply laden Italian supply ships, each of about 2,500 tons. The submarine Unique (Lt.-Comdr. A. F. Collett) torpedoed a fully-laden Italian supply ship of about 3,000 tons, which was proceeding in an escorted convoy. This supply ship was almost certainly sunk. — Reuter.

### YUGOSLAVS MOBILISE 1,200,000

A MESSAGE RECEIVED IN NEW YORK FROM BELGRADE SAYS THAT PRINCE PAUL AND THE COUNCIL OF REGENCY MET SPECIALLY LAST NIGHT TO DRAFT THE FINAL TERMS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S AGREEMENT WITH THE AXIS. A DECLARATION REGARDING THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED LATER.

Yugoslavia now has 1,200,000 men mobilised, most of whom are massed on the Bulgarian frontier, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

### BATTLE WITH FIRE RAIDS

Thousands of lives and millions of pounds worth of national assets vital to the war effort have been saved by the fire watchers' scheme.

This is stated by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, in a foreword to a new memorandum on the fire prevention order issued by the Ministry of Home Security yesterday.

The memorandum followed consultations with the British Employers' Federation and the Trades Union Congress, which are stated to have cleared up certain misunderstandings which interfered with the effectiveness of the order. — Reuter.

### Torpedo 'Planes Raid Valona And Durazzo

An Italian cruiser or large destroyer was among ships sunk or damaged in a series of attacks which the Fleet Air Arm made against enemy shipping in Valona and Durazzo last Saturday and Monday nights, states a communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Six or seven hits were obtained with torpedoes, says the communique, which adds the attacks were extremely successful and caused several damage. — Reuter.

### ITALIAN TANK ATTACK BROKEN UP

THE FAILURE OF ANOTHER ITALIAN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE GREEK LINE IN THE CENTRAL ALBANIAN FRONT WAS RELATED IN A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY STATEMENT BROADCAST BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The assault, which took the form of a tank attack, is described as of as great an intensity as those of last week, though it was local and of limited scope.

The tanks were intended to open a way for the Italian infantry but the Greek forces stood up to this mechanised assault with the same cool determination as that which characterised their victorious resistance to the violent attacks last week, says the statement.

Greek anti-tank batteries opened an intense rapid fire.

After the first few rounds one tank received a direct hit which broke its chain and caused it to overturn.

A few seconds later a second tank was shattered by another direct hit and a third tank, soon shared the same fate.

#### Infantry Exposed

Thereupon the remaining tanks turned and retreated at full speed, leaving a mass of Italian infantry exposed to a sea of concentrated fire from Greek artillery and the crossfire of Greek machine-guns.

### Stay Out Holds The Day

"If you were asked to vote on the question of the United States going to war or staying out, how would you vote?"

This, which is the latest question put by the Gallop Survey, revealed that 17 per cent of those asked favoured going to war, and 83 per cent favoured staying out.

The figures show a two per cent increase of those favouring going to war compared with the last similar Poll.

The South, with 20 per cent, showed the largest percentage favouring war, while the West, central and agricultural districts were the lowest with 14 per cent. — Reuter.

### A.B. FOUND SHOT DEAD

A British Able Seaman, Douglas Thomas Thorburn, aged 27 years, was found dead on H.M.S. Cornflower last night, death being apparently due to a gun shot wound.

Deceased was originally attached to a British river gun-boat, and it is understood that he left a letter behind.

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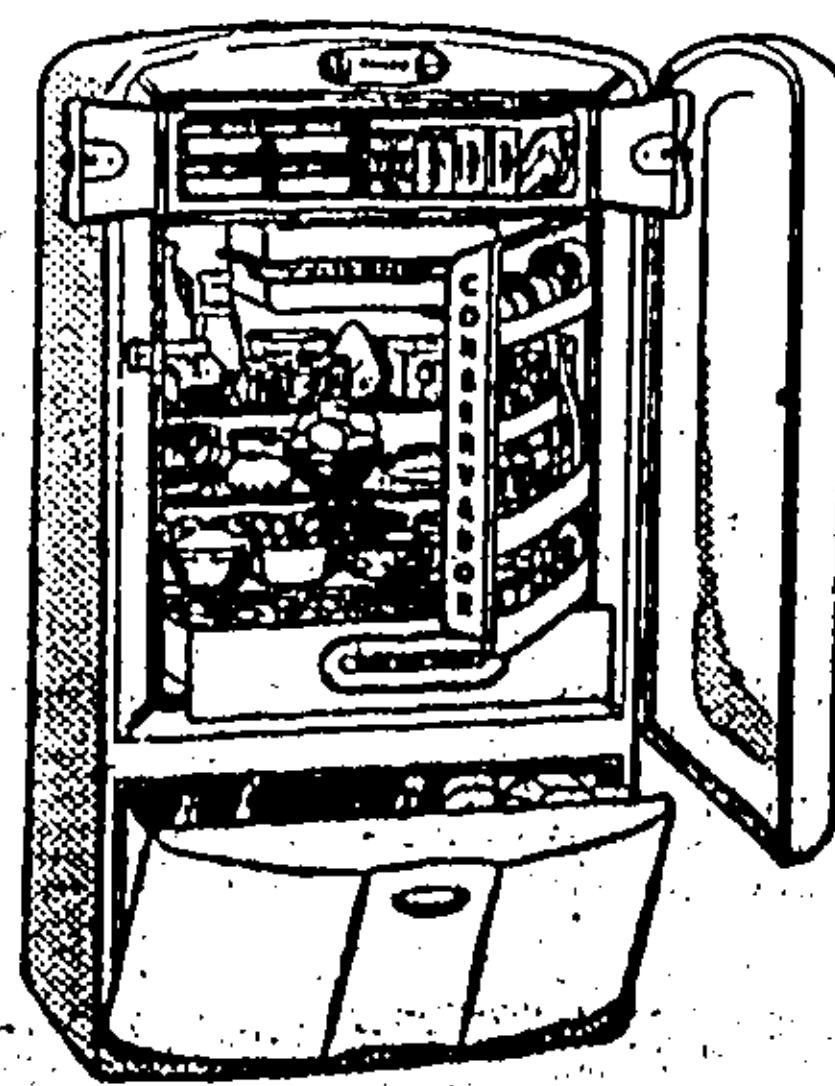
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# AXIS MUST WIN WAR THIS YEAR

Neutral Observer's Estimate Of Situation

## Invasion Effort Too Hazardous

THE WORLD'S FIRST blitz war has now lasted a year and a half, declared Colonel Kleen, writing in the Stockholm "Veckajournalen" yesterday on the Battle of the Atlantic.

To win the war the Axis must score a decisive victory in the summer of 1941 — after that the enemies will become too strong.

An invasion of England was considered too hazardous last autumn and it would now be still more difficult, for the British are very much stronger.

Invasion necessitates control of the waters concerned, security against the enemy air force and the breaking down of the shore defences in the first attack.

None of these conditions exist, so invasion will probably remain merely a threat, binding the British forces.

It remains for Germany to achieve victory by blockade. The Germans have better submarine bases now but anti-submarine weapons are also greatly improved.

The Americans have already transferred 50 destroyers to Britain and they still have 211 compared with Japan's 83.

### America's Capacity

A hundred American destroyers can thus be transferred to the Atlantic for operating against German submarines, either by direct intervention or by being transferred to Britain.

In addition there are mosquito boats which can be produced in large numbers, and there is also a considerable amount of shipping frozen in American harbours which can be transferred to Britain. Finally, British bombers operat-

ing against submarines in their bases and at sea are causing them severe losses.

TECHNICAL POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR FIGHTING SUBMARINES IF THEY CAN BE BROUGHT INTO USE QUICKLY ENOUGH. — REUTER.

## STABBING ATTACK BY THIEF

A FOKI OF A MONEY-CHANGER'S SHOP IN BONHAM STRAND EAST WAS ATTACKED WITH A KNIFE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO ARREST A THIEF SHORTLY AFTER 12 NOON YESTERDAY.

The alleged thief snatched a bundle of bank-notes from the counter and ran into Des Voeux Road Central with the fold in pursuit.

The man suddenly stopped, and pulling out a knife, attacked the foki with it. Pedestrians, however, rescued the foki, who was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

## FIERCE BLAZE IN CENTRAL

The Central District was brightly lit up early this morning by a huge blaze, the result of a fire on the second floor of No. 56, Staunton Street.

The outbreak occurred at about 1.30 a.m. and rapidly spread to the adjoining flat before the arrival of four fire appliances from the Central Fire Station.

Occupants of both houses hurriedly left their beds, and, snatching up a few personal belongings, rushed out into the streets, where they remained until dawn.

There were no casualties, and the outbreak was under control within half an hour of the arrival of the fire brigade.

## NEW BUDGET COMING BEFORE EASTER

Mr. Winston Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday that the Budget would be introduced in the Commons before Easter, says Reuter from London.

## BEVIN BOYS REACH ENGLAND

News was received in Madras yesterday that the first batch of "Bevin Boys" has reached England and the second batch is almost ready to proceed. — Reuter.

## BRITAIN AND AID TO CHINA

Mr. Robert Morgan asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Government associates itself with President Roosevelt's declaration in favour of all-out aid for China as far as we can render it at present.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that Government noted with sympathy and interest President Roosevelt's statement regarding China, and it was Government's policy to maintain the closest contact with the United States Government. — Reuter.

## WOMEN HOLD THE FLOOR OF THE COMMONS

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday had an "all-woman" day, when seven out of ten of the women members joined forces for the first time to present the case of the women of Britain to the Government — and did so with feminine forcefulness.

The debate was on the organisation of women power and the theme of most of the speeches was that women are anxious to take up war work but were prevented by rules and regulations which discouraged them.

Much good humour enlivened the proceedings.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Mr. R. Assheton, admitted that if Government failed to attract as many women as were needed it could only be because it approached them in the wrong way.

If compulsory powers had to be used it would be in an almost negligible number of cases. Only three men participated in

the debate, and at its conclusion Sir John Anderson, winding up, apologised as a man for his intervention on the ground that "fools rush in where angels have ceased to tread." — Reuter.

## NETHERLANDS TRAINING MANY PILOTS

A large number of pilots are being trained in the Netherlands East Indies for duty in Europe, stated Col. Dijkhoorn, Dutch Defence Minister, in an interview in "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, yesterday.

He also stated that a number of Dutch pilots are now being trained in the R.A.F. for fighter machines and they hoped to have their own Dutch fighter squadrons in the R.A.F.

British instructors, he added, had been greatly impressed with the batch of aviators.

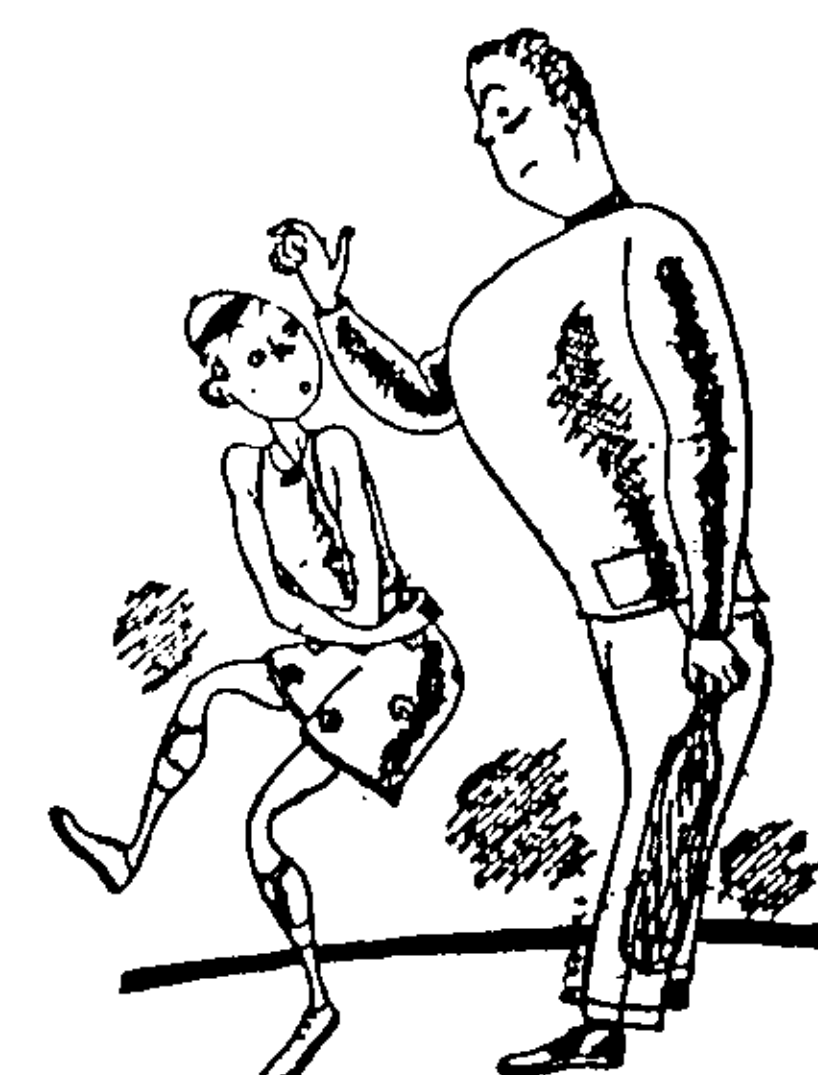
The Dutch army was growing in strength and equipment and new and extremely important material for the Dutch Navy was being put into service. — Reuter.

## GUAM DEFENCES

TWO BILLS AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$345,000,000 ON A NAVAL AND PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, INCLUDING WORK ON THE PACIFIC ISLANDS OF GUAM AND SAMOA AND BASES RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM BRITAIN, PASSED THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

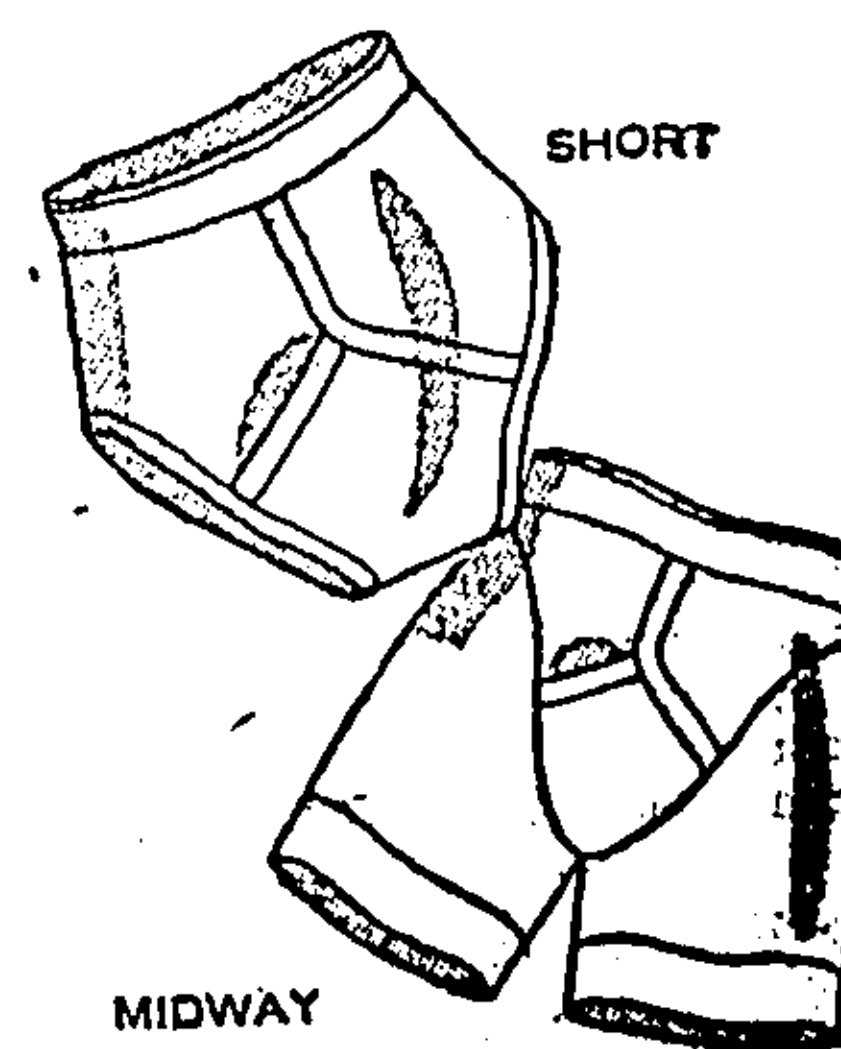
The Bills, which include expenditure of \$10,500,000 for aviation stations in British possessions, now await President Roosevelt's signature. — Reuter.

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# Alarm Call Test Of British Coastal Defences

## LIGHTS SEARCH CHANNEL FAR OUT TO SEA

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent  
Somewhere on the South Coast)

**THE LIGHTING UP OF BRITAIN'S SOUTHERN SHORES FROM THE BEACHES WITH LIGHTS SEARCHING FAR OUT TO SEA, WOULD HAVE QUICKLY EXPOSED A NAZI INVASION HAD IT FOLLOWED THE HEAVY RAID ON LONDON DURING WEDNESDAY NIGHT.**

Under the pale light of a half moon, I watched from a coastal battery's observation post, near the foreshore, the crews of searchlights, guns and "other devices" which the British Army now possesses, turn out for a peacetime alarm call.

It took them just 30 seconds to reach their posts.

Their job was to spot an invasion force in the darkness and to fire the first salvoes of the heavy barrage which awaits a possible invader.

The illumination was the main-spring of means to prevent a surprise at night, but if the invaders used a smoke screen the defenders could achieve the same end by other means of detection.

### Moon's Reflection

Searchlights of 15 million candlepower searched the seas, their bluish white beam so intense that the moon's reflection on the water paled into insignificance, while seagulls played in this sunbeam of night war, their shadows like notes on some distant music score.

Suddenly this picture of fragile beauty changed as the searchlight silhouetted a small vessel representing the first of the invasion barges.

Deadly 6-inch guns, hidden in the darkness, swung into action positions, ready to hurl 100-lb shells at the target.

### Rough Reception

Any German fleet which managed to evade the Navy and the R.A.F. would assuredly be roughly handled.

Behind the beaches, where ingenuity has resulted in few accidents even among the defenders, infantry and Home Guards manned inland defence posts, bridges and public buildings, ready to provide the invaders with another hot reception. — Reuter.

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## GENERAL SIR HUBERT GOUGH'S COMMAND

A full general becomes a colonel in the Home Guard in the first list of appointments to that body issued by the War Office yesterday.

He is General Sir Hubert Gough, who becomes a zone commander, a position he resigned last year because he was above the age limit—he is 71.—Reuter.

## U.S. ARMS FACTORY EXPLOSION

An explosion yesterday at a dynamite factory at Kenil (New Jersey) of the Hercules Powder Factory rocked the country for miles around.

Despite the violence of the explosion, which occurred in a refuse dump, nobody was injured and no damage done. About 50 were killed and 200 injured by a series of explosions that wrecked part of this factory on September 12 last.—Reuter.

## U-BOAT BASE BOMBED

COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTACKED THE SUBMARINE BASE AT LORIENT, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Many heavy bombs were seen to burst on the locks and one very large fire was started. No British aircraft are missing from these operations but one British fighter is missing from patrol on Wednesday.—Reuter.

## FAVoured FRIENDS

CHEERS GREETED A MINISTERIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT THE UTMOST LIBERAL POLICY WOULD HENCEFORTH BE FOLLOWED IN GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM ALLIED RESTRICTIONS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said it would not do to assume that every American citizen can be treated as if he were a British subject but all Chief Constables will administer the regulations sympathetically in the case of Americans unless there is reason to the contrary.—Reuter.

## ASSAM WARNED TO BE PREPARED

THE NEED FOR BEING PREPARED FOR ANY CONTINGENCY WAS EMPHASISED YESTERDAY AT SHILLONG BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM, WHO WARNED THE PEOPLE THAT AIR ATTACKS MAY COME WITHOUT WARNING.

He added that flying from the nearest aerodrome occupied by the Japanese to Shillong was only a few hundred miles.

Whether danger was imminent or not he could not say but they should be prepared.—Reuter.

## PROGRESS IN FRANCO-THAILAND NEGOTIATIONS

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN the French and Thai delegates at Tokyo for a new convention re-adjusting the Franco-Thai borders on the basis of the mediation agreement signed in the Japanese capital on March 11, are progressing smoothly, the Bangkok newspaper "Prajimitra" reported yesterday, according to a Japanese source.

While only details are being worked out, the report said it was understood that navigation questions are being discussed.

Preparations are now under way to accord a triumphal welcome to the Thai delegates, who are expected to return from Tokyo sometime between April 2 and April 5, with Bangkok being decorated in most elaborate fashion.

It was understood that Thailand's soldiers who fought on the frontiers will also receive a welcome as soon as they carry out the provisions of the expected new Franco-Thai convention to be signed on April 1, according to reports circulated in Bangkok.—Reuter.

## DACCA COMMUNAL DISTURBANCES

Latest casualties in the communal disturbances at Dacca are 16 killed and 93 wounded.

The police fired again on Wednesday night, killing four and wounding two.

There have been several cases of incendiarism, including four boats on the river.—Reuter.

## MAORI GREETING TO U.S. NAVY

"Ace ace kia kasha," Maori words meaning "for ever, for ever we shall fight on," was the message which the United States naval squadron which has been visiting Auckland took with it when it sailed yesterday.

During the ships' visit a large banner bearing these words hung over the main street of Auckland and yesterday Sir Ernest Davis, Mayor of Auckland, gave it as a parting gift to Capt. Stone, commanding the squadron.

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IN TYPICALLY CHURCHILLIAN MANNER THE PRIME MINISTER HAS PERSONALLY INTERVENED TO SETTLE A DISPUTE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER WHICH RECENTLY WAS CONDUCTED WITH ASPERITY, ESPECIALLY BY POLITICAL PURISTS OF THE LEFT WING.

Sore point was the action of the B.B.C. in banning a number of artistes who attended a recent conference styled the "People's Convention," attended by a large number of Communists.

Ground for the action was that the public would resent the inclusion of artistes who attend a gathering at which allegedly some subversive speeches were made.

As a result of the outcry, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, recently induced the B.B.C. to modify the ban, and yesterday Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, announced that the ban had been removed.

Among a long reply to questions were the following: "The connection between musical and dramatic performances and political acts and opinions is not apparent."

"Anything in the nature of persecution, victimisation and man-hunting is obnoxious to the British people."

## Protection Of Music

With a twinkle in his eye the Premier said we should have to retain a certain amount of power in the protection of music.

A very spirited rendering of "Deutschland Uber Alles" would hardly be allowed. (Laughter).

"On the other hand, I see no reason to suppose that the holding of pacifist views would make a musician play flat." (Laughter). —Reuter.

## FACTORY EXPANSION IN INDIA

MR. ALEXANDER ROGER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROGER MISSION, DISCLOSED IN A PRESS INTERVIEW IN BOMBAY YESTERDAY THAT THE MISSION HAS RECOMMENDED LARGE-SCALE FACTORY EXPANSION IN INDIA.

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## QUIET SESSION ON STOCK MARKET

Late buying of leading industrial for investment purposes relieved an otherwise very quiet session of the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Courtaulds, Imperial Chemicals and Dunlops improved towards the close but other industrials were easier. Gilt-edged securities and home rails ruled quietly steady and there were a few changes in Kaffirs. Oils moved irregularly. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

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The U.S. Senate yesterday approved the £862,000,000 Bill to help finance America's two-ocean navy.

It provides for the construction of six new type battleships. —Reuter.

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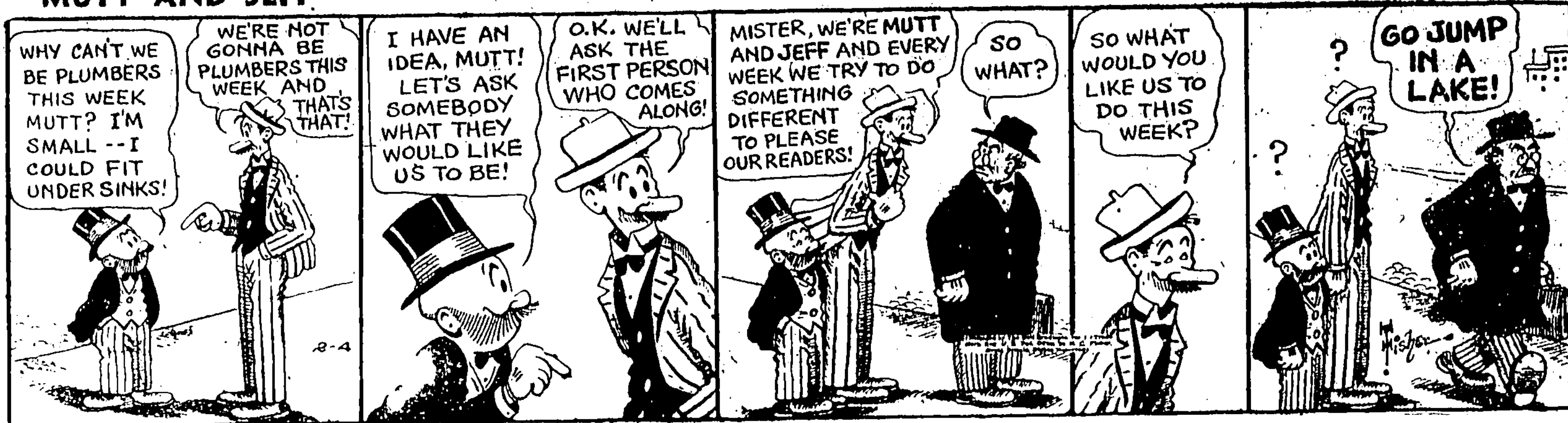
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By BUD FISHER



## H.K. HOTEL DIVIDEND

The Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited announce that subject to audit, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at the 31st December, 1940, including \$335,947.20 brought forward from the previous year, amounted to \$665,810.20, which the Directors, at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Wednesday, the 16th April, 1941, will recommend allocating as follows:

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## NAZIS DEPORT FOES FROM NORWAY

THE ENTIRE local government of Trondheim and 200 other residents have been deported to Germany for anti-Nazi activities, it was learned officially in Stockholm.

The Nazi retaliation started with the dismissal of three aldermen, named Kobbe, Raeder and Gundersen, and their banishment from the town.

Nazi-dominated Norwegian authorities are dissolving all Norwegian youth organisations and

confiscating their property in an attempt to force young Norwegians to join the pro-Nazi organisation, the newspaper "Aftenbladet" reported.

At the same time the newspaper "Sanomat" of Helsinki, reported that the food shortage in Norway was approaching the famine level, with the population resorting to desperate measures to get food in some districts. Five shops in Bergen were raided by the hungry populace and every edible article stolen.

The struggle between the church and the Nazis assumed increasingly serious proportions after pastors, defying an official ban, read from the pulpits the circular letter in which seven Protestant bishops assailed the pro-Nazi Quisling ideology and administration.

### Atheists

The battle waged by the church is expected to strengthen enormously the resistance of the peasantry, which is particularly devout, according to press dispatches here. The official Lutheran Church is supported in its struggle by all non-conformists, the Salvation Army and even atheists, it was said.

### Snickers At The Movies

The snickers of Norwegian movie patrons at Nazi propaganda films, a Norwegian publication declared, have proved so irritating to the German-sponsored government of Norway that all demonstrations in theatres have been forbidden.

"News of Norway" said the Norwegian public has been expressing its aversion to the "enlightenment films" by boycotts, as well as by demonstrations inside the theatres.

The demonstrations, it was reported, included "laughter, meaningless applause, stamping with the feet, whistling, coughing, and harking (the Norwegian expression for clearing one's throat.)"

In Oslo, it added, three policemen are present at every performance to insure "proper decorum."

(A Stockholm dispatch reported that police and Norwegian Nazis would attend all church services in Norway to report on any "trespasses" against the "new order.")

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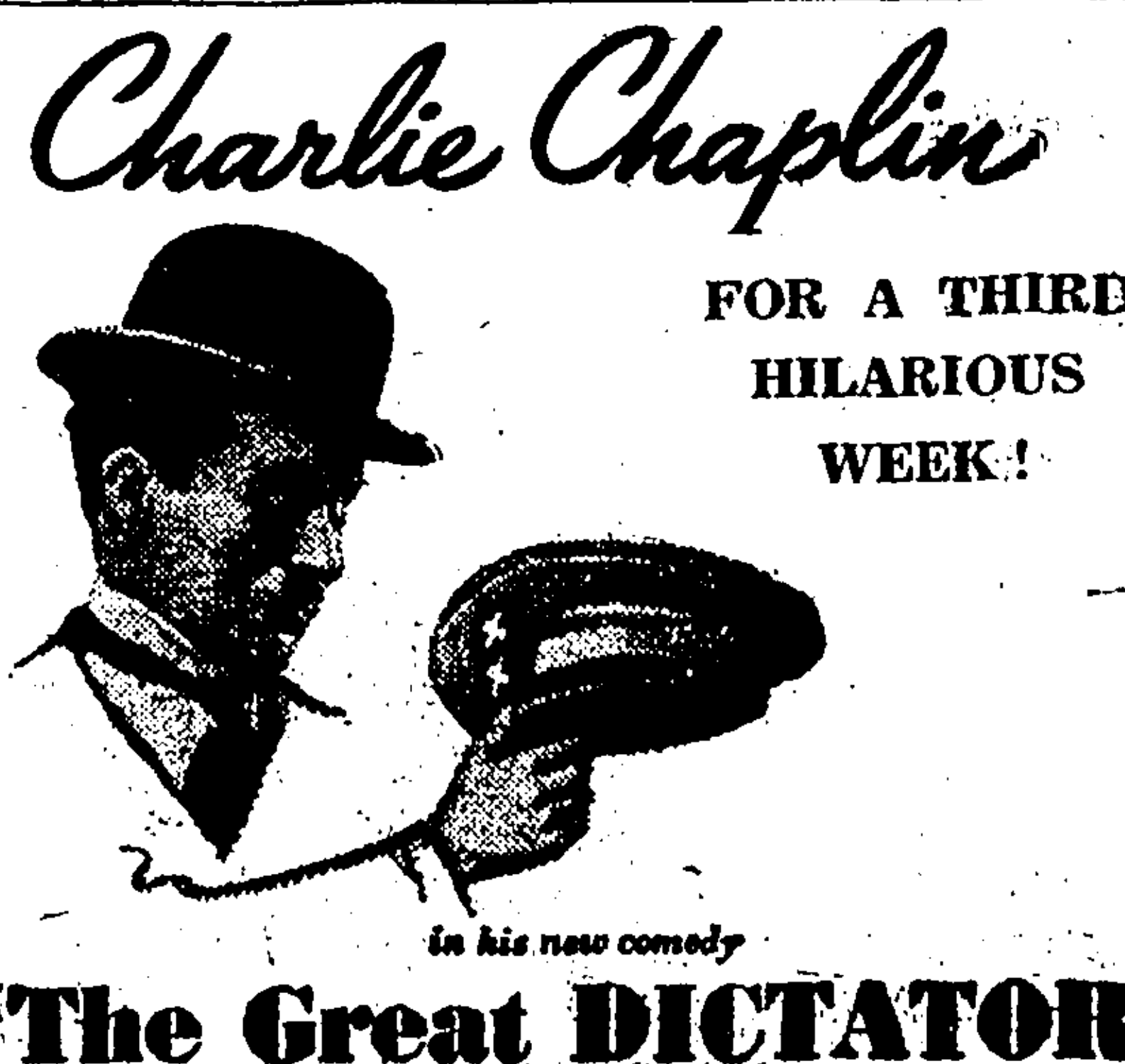
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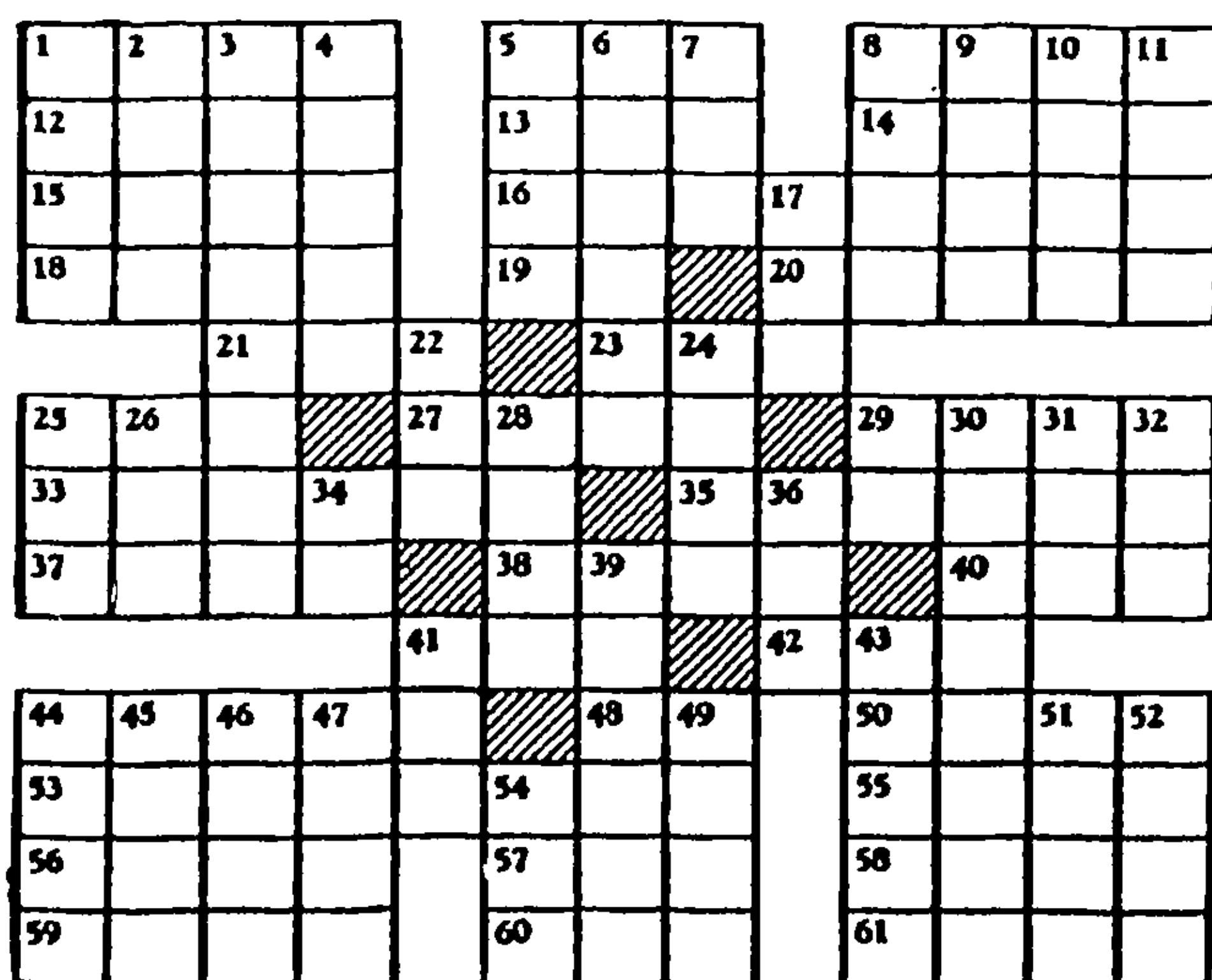


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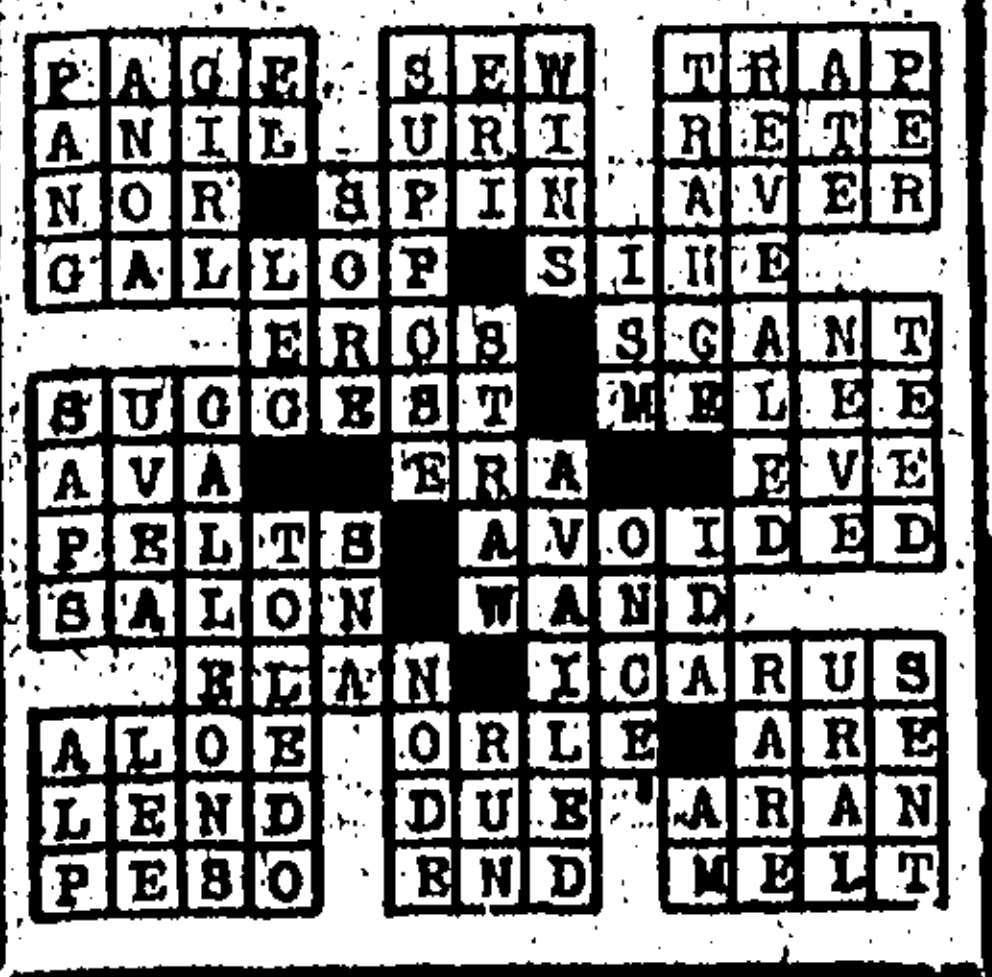
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- Pain
  - Greek letter
  - To fasten securely
  - Narrative poems
  - Samoa mudworm
  - Arrow poison
  - Substance of a matter
  - Colleague
  - Poker stake
  - Toward
  - Badgerlike animal
  - Unit of work
  - Negative vote
  - Possessive pronoun
  - Part of a church
  - Plane surface
  - Clergyman
  - Steady flow
  - Asiatic country
  - Mischievous
  - Philippine savage
  - Pronoun
  - Worm
  - To annoy
  - 3,1416

- Surpasses
- Aspiration
- Again
- So be it
- Prefix: three
- Egyptian length measure
- Tardy
- Muscle, as written
- To prepare for publication

- VERTICAL**
- Seaweed
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  - Outbreak of wild emotion
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  - Eating implements

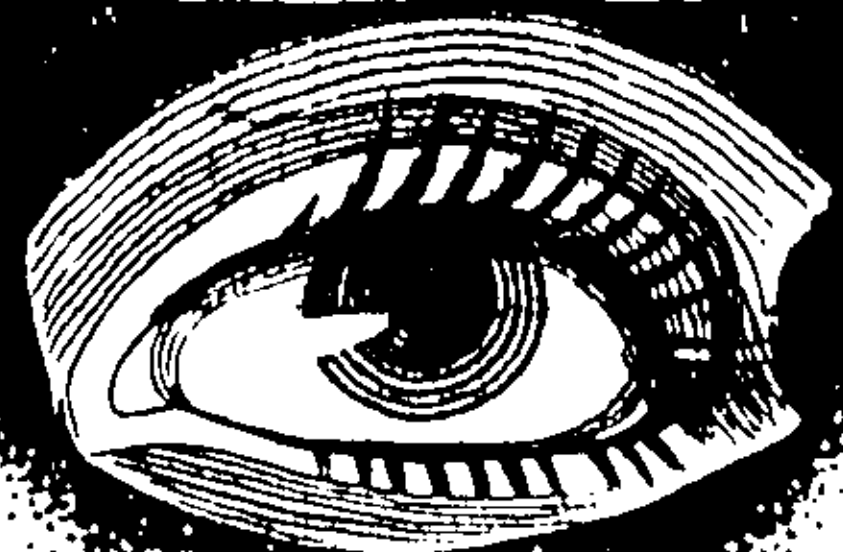
- Electrified particle
- Italian coin
- The dill
- Withered
- To follow
- To cook with lard
- Fuel
- Norse galley
- Goddess of the harvest
- Swiss canton
- Egypt. myth. divinity
- Land measure
- Argued
- To consume
- Chalice
- Printer's measure
- Article
- Rumour
- To put
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## GIRL TEACHER IS NOW A HELLFIRE DRIVER

(By Hilde Marchant)

LIFE HAS CHANGED a great deal for the Smiths of London since the war began, but probably few made such a violent switch over as Miss Smith.

She was a school teacher with a small car, a self-contained flat and a pleasant job that gave her quite a generous amount of pocket money.

She enjoyed her job—it was quiet and refined, and gave her plenty of spare time. In September she joined up as an ambulance driver.

For months that job was just as quiet as teaching, with the disadvantage of bringing in only £2 3s. 6d. a week. She had to go and live with her parents in order to live at all.

She spent her savings on a top coat and a heavy pair of trousers and just sat waiting. She had more patience than many of the girls. She stuck it out until September.

Then her work began—work that used her cool, clear head to the very best advantage. The first heavy night she was out the fires made her headlamps look like candles in a floodlit street.

Fires were blazing round and the road she had to find was choked with debris.

She rocked her ambulance over the road on to the pavement, under the fires, and ran it behind two other ambulances. They had arrived first and she waited behind.

### Drivers Were Dead

"But no one seemed to be using them. They didn't move and I thought they looked strange." She got out and found the drivers dead.

That was the first time Miss Smith had seen blood. It disturbed her, quite naturally, and she was just pulling in her bottom lip when the rescue squads called her over.

"There were still some people alive, and I suddenly realised I was working for them."

Two nights later she was taking her cases through a hospital gate when a bomb fell between her ambulance and another on the opposite side.

"The car rocked, but I kept it straight, and we just got a scratched bonnet."

That was Miss Smith's beginning as a blitz worker, and after those two dangerous and frightening nights, she had accomplished the metamorphosis from peace to war, from teacher to danger driver.

I found her in her station, knitting an endless scarf, with five other girls round. They were standing by—one of the most difficult parts of their work.

"The anticipation, the waiting, are worse than when we are out, really up to our eyes in it," Miss Smith said. "Then time goes so quickly that we don't feel tired or bored or useless."

When they are on the job they are well disciplined, for they rather like to regard themselves as one of the services.

Their work is dangerous, too, and many stations have their casualty lists posted like an Army list.

### She's Called 'Lucky'

Miss Smith—who is called "Lucky"—had another narrow escape. She was walking to the station, to go on duty, when she heard a bomb falling.

She automatically leaned back against a wall. A roof slid into the roadway, some of the debris shaving her shins and covering her feet. She was blinded and choking, but pulled her feet out and ran to the station.

There was one thing that impressed me about these girls as they sat around in their corduroy pants and bright woollen jumpers. After so many months of mixing with men, of doing a man's job, not one of them had hardened.

Most of them have long, Ginger Rogers bobs, because they look better under a peaked cap, and they turn up on duty with their "faces" made up, their nails manicured.

"It doesn't stay like that long when we are out," said Miss

Smith. "Most of us come back looking like coalmen. But in the meantime we like to look decent."

There is no question of snobbery or class. That disappears under a common danger and a common wage. One girl had brought in fifty cigarettes, but they were left open on the table for any one who wanted one.

These women who ride through the broken streets at night to bring people back alive, will be remembered in our future as typical of the civilian courage of these days.

And Miss Smith says that at the end of the war she will probably teach again.

## PRISONER IN HER NIGHTIE

A pretty bride-to-be, whose ship was sunk by a German raider in the South Pacific, said in Honolulu that she spent a month as a prisoner at sea clad only in a nightgown.

She is Miss Black, of New Zealand, who was going to British Guiana to marry an Englishman.

She was a passenger in the liner Rangitane.

### Locked In Hold

"The raider struck at night while I was in bed," said Miss Black. "I rushed to the deck in my nightgown. The Germans insisted upon up transferring to their ship."

"I had no time to fling anything over my nightgown."

"Aboard the raider we were locked in the hold for a few days and given bread smeared with lard. Later we got bad sausages and mouldy bread."

"Some German officers, sorry for us, helped us to make rope sandals for our bare feet. Most of us were in night clothes and had no shoes."

## WOMEN FLEE GANG BATTLE

Thousands of women shoppers on New York's fashionable Fifth Avenue shrieked and scattered in terror when a cops and gangsters gun battle broke out.

A policeman and a civilian were killed, and a gangster and civilian wounded.

The bandits, pursued by the police, raced from the street through two big stores, where shoppers dived for shelter under counters, screaming as shots were exchanged.

In one store a bandit was trapped and knocked unconscious with the butt of a pistol.

The chase began when the bandits killed a payroll clerk at nearby offices. Escaping from the office building they jumped into a taxi on Fifth Avenue.

The driver did not start quickly enough, and was shot in the head. He is believed to be dying.

The bandits leaped out of the taxi and scattered. A traffic policeman and one of the bandits exchanged shots.

The bandit fell and the policeman knelt beside him. As he did so the bandit lifted his gun and shot the policeman dead.

The payroll, which was scattered over the street, was recovered.

## ONE BOMB KILLED 12 MOURNERS

BLINDS WERE DRAWN AT THE CARDIFF HOME OF MRS. GEORGE WEBB RECENTLY AS A MOURNING PARTY STEPPED FROM COACHES AND WENT INSIDE.

Mrs. Webb had just returned from her husband's funeral, and around her were relatives and friends who had come to offer consolation.

Suddenly a large bomb rocked the neighbourhood, sending the Webbs' home crumbling to dust. From the ruins were recovered the remains of the funeral party.

The twelve people in that house were buried — Mrs. Webb, a church minister and his wife, and nine others — a mother, brother, sister-in-law, uncles, aunts and cousins.

## "HI, GANG!" TO BE FILMED

"Hi, Gang!" most popular radio feature, is to be filmed.

Bebe Daniels, Ben Lyon and Vic Oliver will star, with Moore Marriott and Graham Moffatt in strong comedy roles. Picture will be produced by Edward Black at Shepherd's Bush.

## D.F.C.'s DEATH ENDS STAGE ROMANCE

(By A Special Correspondent)

A ROMANCE which began four years ago when a young flight-lieutenant home on leave from India fell in love with a sixteen-year-old schoolgirl is ended.

This tragic story lies behind the bald War Office announcement of the death on active service of Flight-Lieutenant Richard J. Rust, D.F.C.

And from her father-in-law's for her first and only love—Richard.

### A Grand Sport

Last spring, in the tense days which preceded the evacuation of Dunkirk and the fall of France, Lieutenant Rust knew he might be sent abroad at any moment.

On an April morning he and Mimi were married.

After a brief honeymoon, Lieutenant Rust went to France. His bride of a few days returned to the theatre.

Mr. Max Gayton, manager of the theatre, said:

"Mimi was a grand sport. I have always admired her for returning to the theatre after her marriage, partly to help us out."

"Now I can only look forward to the birth of our baby. I am thankful that I shall have at least that perfect token of our happiness."

Mimi Stewart was still a pupil at Kensington High School, London, when Richard was brought to her parents' home by a friend. They fell in love.

Mimi went on the stage. Attractive and vivacious, she soon rose to be principal glamour girl at the Prince of Wales Theatre, in London's West End.

Surrounded by admirers, there was still only room in her heart



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## LAND OF MISERY

Of all the countries brought under the domination of Nazism by tank and bomb, the conquered land that was Poland is in the saddest plight. After the conquest it was divided into three sectors. Germany kept for herself the industrial west, which was valuable, and annexed it to the Reich. Soviet Russia was permitted to take over the eastern provinces. The central territory became the Polish Gouvernement Generale, a sort of No Man's Land. German dominated, into which could be herded all the "undesirables" the Reich did not want. Its ultimate destiny was set forth as the farm and sweatshop of the conqueror.

An all but impenetrable wall of restrictions surrounds the Gouvernement Generale; communication with those within is next to impossible. But the perfect censorship has yet to be devised.

News does leak out of the area, people do occasionally escape from it, and from what is known of the conditions therein it is certain that within its boundaries Nazi oppression attains its full bloom.

The cities are overcrowded and in deepest misery. Barbed wire fences or concrete walls enclose the least desirable sections to form the ghettos within which Jews are permitted to live.

Conditions inside the walls are indescribably wretched. Disease is kept down only by the unceasing efforts of the Jewish physicians who must live there and to whom the Germans, from instincts of self-preservation, allow a limited amount of medical supplies. Conditions in the country-side rival the hardships in the towns.

Newcomers by the thousand, once prosperous traders or professional men, are brought in by freight car and turned out to shift for themselves as best they can.

In the Soviet provinces matters are no better. Yet there is an endless and aimless migration of miseries from the Soviet hell to the Nazi Hades and from the Gouvernement Generale to Nazidom, as rumour falsely spreads a hope that life may be less arduous elsewhere.

In Poland the operations of the "new order" are untrammelled, for all opposition has been pitilessly crushed and the closed frontier keeps the world from looking in.



ELEPHANTS HAVE LONG MEMORIES

# Nazis Cannot Win

By  
Vernon Bartlett

I shall not soon forget the last day of last year, for I spent a good deal of it among the ruins in the City of London. It would be foolish to deny the extent of the damage done by the German incendiary bombs.

Especially near St. Paul's Cathedral there are acres where no wall is sufficiently good repair to remain when these devastated areas are rebuilt. The little narrow lanes of old London were notorious picturesqueness, but incredibly impractical, and I have no doubt that the speeding up of traffic that will result when the streets are widened and rebuilt will ultimately be of benefit to the nation.

We shall have something to thank Hitler for amongst the many reasons for reviling him. But these blackened ruins still smouldering sulkily are a terrible sight. And a terrible condemnation.

I will not pretend that we valued the ancient churches and other buildings as we should have done, for no people ever treasures its artistic possessions at their real value.

But our sorrow at their disappearance is sincere even though we took them for granted.

Some of the churches that have been destroyed come into our nursery rhymes and their towers or spires are as familiar to every Londoner as his own doorstep.

And since the war began many of us have become more aware of their beauty for we have spent so much time on the roofs of high buildings watching the sky-line for approaching enemy bombers. The destruction of December 29 was such a blatant act of vandalism that it has aroused more anger than many raids in which the loss of life has been heavy but where the presence of military objectives made them a little less criminal.

And although I spent hours on the night of December 29 watching these fires, the largest and most terrible I had ever seen, their very senselessness strengthened my conviction of our coming victory.

From the smouldering ruins one can look out with confidence towards a brighter horizon. Why? Because we have survived two periods of gravest crisis during the past year and have not been broken by them.

While the whole night sky of London was lit by flames as never since the great fire of nearly three hundred years ago, President Roosevelt was telling his people how convinced he was of our victory.

And yet twice during the last year anybody could have been ex-

posed if he decided our defeat was inevitable.

One is apt to forget how much we depended in all our military plans on the French army. That it should have gone out of the war just at the same time as we lost the guns and supplies of our own expeditionary force was a disaster the magnitude of which

we are only realising now that we have recovered from it. We had no right to expect that within six months of it we should take the offensive so successfully against Italy. That we have been able to do so naturally gives us courage.

The second occasion when the pessimists abroad decided we were lost was in September, when Hitler began his mass bombing raids. We had awaited these air attacks uneasily since the beginning of the war; and they had all the terrors of the unknown. We do not pretend to like them, but we are now confident that they cannot bring about our defeat, even should they be supplemented by invasion and the use of poison gas.

For the people have been weighed in the balance, and have not been found wanting.

Hitler has achieved very great successes in 1940, although not so great as he promised his Nazis a year ago. Half a dozen states have become his slaves. But we have now the heartening proof that the Axis powers are not infallible. They have made two crowning military blunders in six months. Hitler might have succeeded had he invaded us immediately after the collapse of France, when our troops were unarmed and our nation benumbed by the fall of its ally.

Mussolini might have reached the Suez Canal had he ordered Graziani to push forward, whatever the cost, at that same period, since we were suddenly so terribly outnumbered in Northern Africa and could spare so little in the way of reinforcements.

We have now to face a blockade, and it will not be pleasant. German submarines can operate from the coast of France and we cannot operate from the coast of Ireland. The cooperation between the

submarine and the aeroplane add to our difficulties.

This spring will be a very cruel one, but our courage will be maintained by the reflection that Germany now cannot win.

Supplies from the United States still lag behind the goodwill of that country, and we have had bitter lessons here to teach us how long it takes to develop a war time economy. But President Roosevelt is a "non-belligerent" and not a neutral, and the resources of the New World are inexhaustible. So, too, must our courage be.

In difficult moments ahead I shall remember a sight of indescribable beauty during London's fires. I was in Ludgate Circus looking up the hill towards St. Paul's. Most of the time smoke from a near-by fire entirely concealed the Cathedral but occasionally it was blown aside for a moment, and behind the black clouds one saw the great dome, lit up by another fire, with the golden cross at the top of it shining as though it were in blazing sunshine. And in front of this magnificent background, railroad trucks still moved across the bridge over the road, carrying on as usual despite the surrounding chaos and terror. No picture could better have symbolised our struggle.

(Continued from Next Col.)

reinforcements which have since been added. The balance of naval power would not be affected by the completion of the new German warships. A certain proportion of the French fleet is manned by adherents of General de Gaulle and is cooperating with the British Navy, and these include the old battleship *Courbet* which was completely reconstructed and re-boilered in 1929. Even if Germany obtained the use of the French warships which adhere to the Vichy Government, Britain would still have sufficient margin to maintain effective control of the sea routes.

To meet this situation, the German High Command is attempting to counter the British blockade by sinking merchant ships with submarines, long range aircraft, surface raiders and by the laying of minefields, usually from aircraft at night. This counter-blockade is aided by the use of French ports, notably Brest and Lorient, giving access direct to the Atlantic and also by making use of the considerable Italian flotilla of submarines. The sinkings of merchant ships have reached a serious level and it has taken time for the British counter-measures to be brought into play.

# The Naval Situation

The basic fact of the naval situation is that the maritime lines of communication all over the world are controlled by the British Fleet. The only exception is the Baltic Sea. There, owing to the seizure of Denmark, the entrances are effectively controlled by Germany. This control does not extend to within the range of enemy shore batteries, so that the eastern entrance to the English Channel by the Straits of Dover is in dispute. Everywhere else,

By  
Lord Strabolgi

the control is effective; and this despite the two major events since the present war broke out — the capitulation of France and the intervention of Italy.

Effective control does not mean that occasional blockade runners cannot enter enemy controlled ports nor that surface raiders, usually disguised, such as the vessel recently engaged by the armed merchant cruiser *Carnarvon Castle*, cannot escape on to the trade routes usually by way of the Norwegian coast which is itself held by the Germans. Furthermore, submarines owing to their facilities for evasion, can operate against British merchant shipping as they did right through the last war. What it does mean is that, apart from a certain percentage of loss through enemy action, British merchant shipping can sail the seas and carry on an export and import trade and troops and their equipment can be moved freely to any theatre of war in British convoys.

It would not be practicable, for example, for the Germans to send an army by sea anywhere except in the Baltic. The invasion of the British Isles, if ever attempted, would be hazardous and indeed would only be possible at all if such air ascendancy could be obtained by the Germans over the English Channel or the North Sea that the British warships could be driven away for a long enough period for the invading troops and their equipment to be landed and for their lines of communication to be kept open for further supplies. In the Mediterranean the Italian Fleet has been so reduced by the air attacks on Taranto and the naval action off Sardinia that their armies in Libya could not be aided. While the battle of Cyrenaica was being fought, British warships were able to support the advancing army and bombard the Italian positions and coastal road without interference from the Italian Navy.

The defence of Egypt and the counter-attack on the invading force were made possible because convoys of troopships and supply ships could be taken through the Mediterranean to Alexandria under the cover of British naval forces.

It is true that although much of the equipment and stores were sent to Egypt round the Cape of Good Hope for convenience, at any time a large convoy can be sent from one end of the Mediterranean to the other facing only the usual hazards of war.

In the same way the British are now garrisoning Crete, and have stationed naval and aerial forces in that island, thus preventing any Italian naval action in the Aegean to aid their campaign against the Greeks and blockading the Dodecanese Islands. The often debated problem as to whether air power could counter-balance British naval power in the Mediterranean would appear to be solved. Similarly the Italian garrisons in Abyssinia and East Africa can neither be reinforced nor supplied by sea and are therefore living on their accumulated stores.

German naval losses since the outbreak of war, and especially the Norwegian campaign, have been so heavy that only two large warships of the original German Fleet survive. These are the battle-cruiser *Scharnhorst* and the *Lutzow* "pocket-battleship", formerly the *Deutschland*. One heavy cruiser of the *Hipper* class and, at the most, four light cruisers survive. One heavy cruiser, the *Prinz Eugen*, may be ready next year and two new battleships, the *Bismarck* and *Tirpitz*, will be completed soon. The line of battle of the British Navy consists of 14 dreadnoughts, out of the 18 at the beginning of the war and certain important reinforcements to be brought into play.

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# YARD'S HUNT FOR ESCAPED MEN IN AIR RAID

TWO MEN SENTENCED at West Ham to six months' imprisonment each were left alone for a moment. They seized their chance, climbed out of the building through a bomb-hole in the roof, stole a car, and got away. At night Scotland Yard detectives braved an air raid to search London for them.

Albert Norman Nelson, aged 17, a seaman, of Surrey Street, Plaistow, E., and George Bush, aged 21, a labourer, of Palmerston Road, Forest Gate, E., were sentenced for theft.

The men were led out of court after sentence had been passed.

They were taken down a corridor which separates two courts. Here their escort left them. Then came the dash for freedom.

## Stole Car

The men saw a bomb-hole in the corridor roof, wormed their way through, and got out on to the roof of the building.

They dropped down on to a wall, ran along and jumped into the town hall yard.

Usually there are workmen in the yard, but, luckily for the prisoners, it was lunch time and there were few people about.

There were, however, many cars.

The men scrambled into a large black saloon car, belonging to the superintendent of the Highways Department — and drove out of the yard.

Then they turned into West Ham-lane and disappeared.

Description of the men has been circulated to all police stations.

## HERO'S FIGHTING FAMILY

Squadron-Leader F. R. Heath, whose family has been represented in every war since the Sikh campaign of 1845, was the first Australian to fall in action while serving with a purely Australian unit in this war.

## ONION COST £10

A seven-ounce onion was on the solicitors' table at Stratford Police Court. It had been sold for fourpence, but by the time it was removed the cost to the greengrocers was over £10.

Mark Van Praag, greengrocer, Gale Street, Dagenham, was summoned for selling the onion wholesale at an excessive price, and Myer Van Praag, his brother, of the same address, was summoned for buying it at an excessive price, and for retailing it at a price above the maximum.

Mark Van Praag was stated to have sold some onions to Myer at 3½d each. His brother sold them at 4d each. The maximum price was 4½d per lb., and as the onions weighed about 7oz. each, the retail price was in excess of the maximum.

Mark Van Praag was fined £5, with 10s 6d costs, and his brother £2 on each summons, with 10s 6d costs and 5s witness fee. The onion went back to the shopping bag of the woman who had paid 4d for it.

At the same court another greengrocer, Louis Marks, Porters Avenue, Dagenham, was fined 40s and £1 1s costs for imposing a condition on the sale of onions by selling a pound of them together with a pound of carrots and a pound of turnips at 4d lb.

## KING'S VISIT TO AMERICAN DESTROYER

The King was piped aboard one of the American destroyers taken over by Britain when he visited Devonport dockyard yesterday.

It was the first time the King had been aboard one of these warships and, as an old naval officer, he was very interested in her equipment and armament.

This destroyer is manned entirely by Canadians.

The King inspected the ship's company drawn up on deck and later he was received aboard the flotilla leader by the captain and inspected officers and ratings who a few hours before had been at action stations ready to engage any enemy ship.

On the quayside the King decorated a Polish naval officer, Captain Hulewicz, with the D.S.O. amid the cheers of British, Free French and Polish officers and ratings.

Meanwhile the Queen chatted with wounded officers and sailors at the Naval Hospital.

Escorted by Lady Astor, deputising for her husband, the Lord Mayor, who is ill with influenza, the King and Queen toured the bombed areas of Plymouth.—Reuter.

## DAWN OF VICTORY

"We can distinguish the dawn of victory," declared Queen Wilhelmina, broadcasting yesterday to the Dutch people.

Speaking of Dutchmen who had sacrificed their lives in the defence of freedom, Her Majesty said that thanks to them "the tree of our freedom will flower again."

"Already spiritual victory is theirs and ours, for the tyrant has not been able to conquer our love of liberty. Great times lie in front of us." — Reuter.

## DRUGGED, STRANGLED HER LOVER

A pretty, twenty-year-old wife who held an executive position at Harvard University killed her married lover "because," she said, "I couldn't have him, and I couldn't live without him."

The woman, Helen Steadman, wife of a business executive, asked her lover, Robert Emery, to call on her.

She shared with him a glass of milk in which she had put twenty-six crushed sleeping tablets. When he fell asleep, she twisted a cord round his neck till he was strangled and then fell unconscious from the drug herself.

Helen left her husband last June, when she met Emery and fell in love with him at first sight. Both the woman and her dead lover were parents.

## NATHAN ROAD ROBBERY

Clothing valued at \$105 was stolen from the residence of Mr. H. S. Martin, No. 233, Nathan Road, during Wednesday night.

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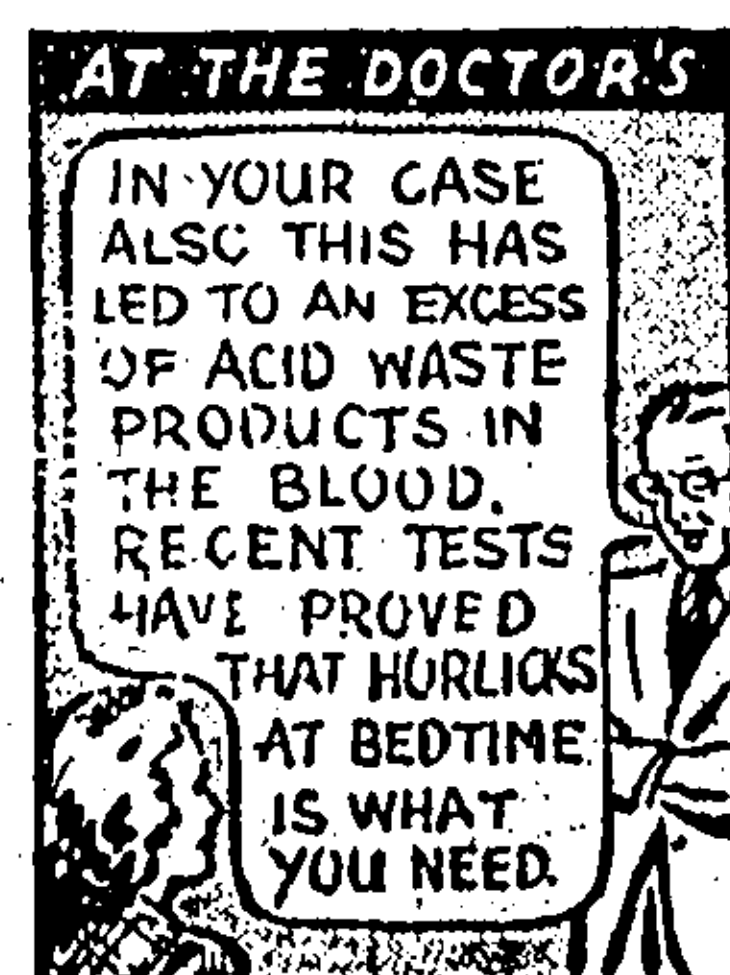
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## "STAY-AT-HOME WIFE" "missed all the fun."



## DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS USE HORLICKS IN HOSPITAL TESTS

RECENTLY tests were made in a great hospital on men and women who complained of always feeling tired.

It was found that these people had an excess of acid waste products in their blood during sleep.

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# YAVELLO TAKEN BY BRITISH FORCES

YAVELLO, IN SOUTHERN Abyssinia, has been taken by British regular troops, according to yesterday's official communique from British General Headquarters in Cairo, which adds that operations are proceeding in the Neghelli area.

British patrols have contacted the enemy in difficult mountainous country surrounding Marda Pass, eight miles west of Jijiga, the capture of which, says the communique, was not difficult. Some prisoners were taken with the town.

"By the capture of this important centre, new routes have been opened up running east to Berbera and west to Dire-dawa where the road meets through the railway from Djibouti."

Meanwhile the Italians are putting up a desperate resistance at Keren, though reports reaching Cairo indicate they lack adequate air support.

The position of the British forces in this area continues to develop favourably, stated the Cairo military spokesman last night.

## In Contact

In Abyssinia, he said, patriot forces are maintaining pressure on Debra-Mareos, which is half surrounded, while the Imperial forces who captured Jijiga are now in contact with the enemy half way to Harar. —Reuter.

# ALLIED ENVOYS IMPRESS

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, and Dr. van Kleffens, Dutch Foreign Minister, were given a tremendous reception when they attended a meeting of the National Press Club yesterday.

Lord Halifax spoke for half an hour and it is stated that his sincerity and his firmness towards the Axis created a good impression.

Dr. van Kleffens, who also spoke confidentially, described the Dutch Government in London as the nerve centre of resistance against German aggression, and stressed Government confidence in final victory. —Reuter.

# SLIGHTLY DELAYED!

HOW A BRITISH HEAVY BOMBER ON THE WAY TO BOMB COLOGNE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISPOSED OF A MESSERSCHMIDT FIGHTER, IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

The Messerschmidt came in three times to attack the bomber, whose fire hit the fighter and probably destroyed it.

After this encounter the bomber went on to bomb Cologne. —Reuter.

# LARGE SUM RAISED BY POLICE

Sir, —May I, through the courtesy of your correspondence column thank all those who helped either by their attendance or otherwise, to make the Hong Kong Police and Police Reserve Dance successful.

A sum of \$3,700 was raised and this amount has been divided equally between "The Lord Mayor's Fund for Relief of Air Raid Distress" and "The British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China."

C. G. PERDUE, Acting Commissioner of Police.

# GERMANS CHASED OVER REICH

The pilot and air gunner of a British plane which shot down a German machine after a thirty-mile chase across enemy territory are among three airmen who have been decorated.

They are Pilot-Officer John Dickinson, R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, who receives the D.F.C., and Sergeant George Gastin Thompson (R.A.F.V.R., the air gunner), who is awarded the D.F.M.

The D.F.C. has also been awarded to Flying-Officer Philip Harold Watts.

Owing to bad weather, Dickinson and Thompson were unable to find their target at Gelsenkirchen, so they bombed a factory near Recklinghausen.

On the return journey they spotted an illuminated dummy flare path, and Dickinson altered course for an aerodrome, where two enemy aircraft, showing navigation lights, were seen.

After a thirty-mile chase Pilot-Officer Dickinson manoeuvred his aircraft for Sergeant Thompson to engage and shoot down one of the enemy machines.

Dickinson was born in 1920. His father lives at Ferryhill, Durham. Thompson, whose wife lives at Gateshead, was born in 1917. Watts's home is at Cranford, Middlesex.

# DEAD, WON SCOUT V.C.

A thirteen-year-old Boy Scout, who died after being rescued from his bombed home, has been awarded the Bronze Cross — the Scout movement's highest order.

He was Ronald Eke, of the 1st Ardleigh Green (Hornchurch) Group, whose parents were killed outright.

## Fortitude

While he was being rescued he gave the A.R.P. squad information about his own family and others in damaged houses.

He sent the squad to rescue them.

He maintained the same fortitude in hospital.

One of his rescuers called him a "great Scout."

# STALLS BAN DISPLAY OF NOVELS

Two big bookstall firms, Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son and Messrs. Wyman's have decided to stop displaying copies of certain paper-covered editions of novels.

They have done this following a request from the Bishop of London and his associates on the Public Morality Council.

The Council wants to stop the display and sale of the books.

It objects mainly to the somewhat lurid covers on most of the books, which tend to give the impression that the stories deal too much with sex.

These novels are written by American authors of the "nature in the raw" school of fiction.

## Crude, But—

The one which set the Public Morality Council in action was called "No Orchids for Miss Blandish." Its cover showed a beautiful woman in the semi-nude.

"We have had letters from people all over the country about these new paper-backed novels, which sell at a shilling each," Mr. G. Tomlinson, secretary of the Council, said "and we bought copies and read them all."

"I must say that while they were crude, strong stuff, they did not shock me so much as I thought they might do."

"Actually it was the covers to which we objected most strongly."

"We wrote to Messrs. W. H. Smith and Messrs. Wyman's, and these firms agreed to stop displaying the books."

A representative of Messrs. W. H. Smith's said:

"We don't want to offend the public, and if some people feel the covers of the books are offensive then we try to meet their wishes."

## Not Censors

"At the same time we did not set ourselves up as censors of public taste in literature, so we have told our bookstalls not to show the books any more, but to take orders for them if they are asked for."

A representative of Messrs. Rich and Cowan, who have brought out the latest book, called "He Won't Need It Now," with a red-headed girl in green on the cover, laughed.

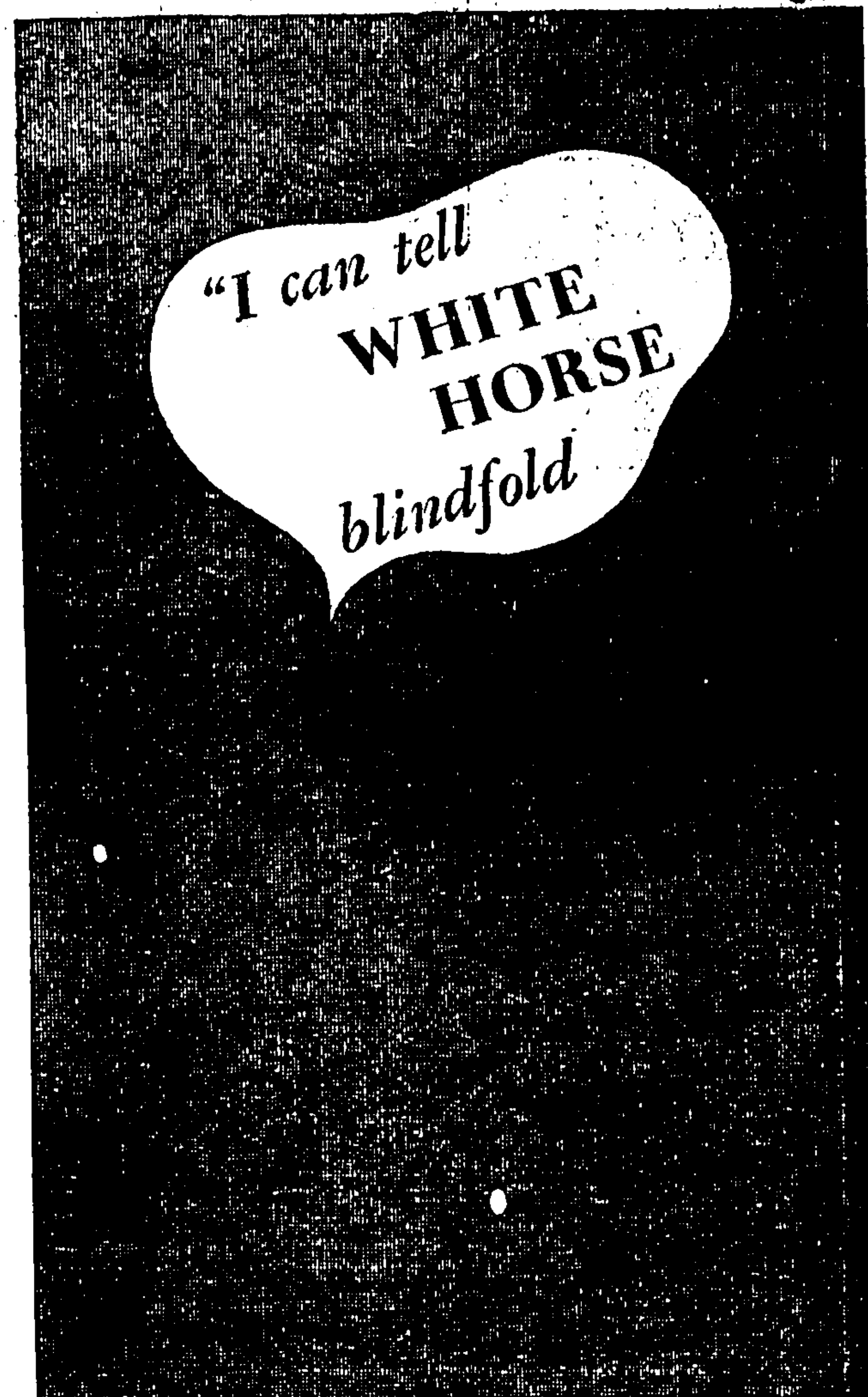
"After all," he said, "164,000 copies of 'No Orchids for Miss Blandish' were sold. 'He Won't Need It Now' is a jolly good story. 'It is a bit red and raw, and it calls a spade a spade, but there is no harm in that.'"

# HALFPENNY COSTS £13

J. and F. Stone Lighting and Radio, Ltd., of Worship Street, London, E.C., were fined £10 with three guineas costs at Woolwich for selling a torch battery for one half penny more than the specified price at their Hare Street, Woolwich, branch.

# 3 DEBTORS CAN'T READ

Three of five judgment debtors at Bow County Court, London, said they could not read. They repeated the bath after the usher.



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## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 21st March, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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On View from Thursday, the 20th March, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 24th March, 1941 commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road Central, Second Floor.

20 CASES SUGAR OF MILK

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Official Administrator, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Room No. 205.

THE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS OF THE LATE MR. J. LOWRIE

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1941.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,823 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Agents.  
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.  
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### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

#### Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tifins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

### THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

#### Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

### HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. M. MANNERS,  
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Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

## BRIDGE NOVELS

### The Best Lead By The Four Aces

When a defender holds strength in each side-suit, he will often find it best to choose a trump for his opening lead. His strength indicates that the opponents have been bidding on distribution, and the trump lead will limit the number of ruffing tricks available to the Declarer. For example:

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## RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.  
 12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Rossini.  
 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.  
 1.01 p.m.—Joe Green (Xylophone & Bell) and Milt Herth (Organ).  
 1.10 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) and The London Palladium Orchestra.  
 1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
 1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.  
 Fox-Trots: So Do I (from 'Pennies from Heaven'), One Two, Button Your Shoe (from 'Pennies from Heaven'), Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.  
 Tangos: Mano a Mano, Por Vos Yo Me Rompo Todo Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.  
 Fox-Trots: G. Fly A Kite (from 'The Star Maker'), A Man and His Dream (from 'The Star Maker'), Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.  
 Slow Fox-Trots: When I Dream of Home, Moonlight and Mimosa, Joe Loss & His Orchestra.  
 Swing Fox-Trot: Someday, Sweetheart Muggsy Spanier & His Rhythm Band.  
 2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
 5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
 6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
 6.32 p.m.—The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).  
 Minuet of the Will O' The Wisp (from 'Damnation of Faust', Berlioz).  
 Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.  
 Edward, Op. 1, No. 1 (Karl Loewe).  
 Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Piano ace.  
 The Enchanted Lake (Ludov.)  
 Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.  
 None But The Lonely Heart, Op. 6, No. 6 (Tchaikovsky).  
 Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra.  
 Larghetto (from Concerto No. 12 in B Minor—Handel).  
 Boston Symphony Orchestra cond. by Serge Koussevitzky.  
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Newsletter by O. M. Green.  
 7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera.  
 Marriage of Figaro—Overture (Mozart).  
 Vienna Philharmonic Orch.  
 Ah, I am suffocating—Clock Scene from 'Boris Godunov' (Moussorgsky).  
 Theodore Chaliapine (Bass) with Orchestra.  
 The Bartered Bride—Fantasia (Smetana, arr. Fetras).  
 Symphony Orchestra.  
 My husband, Punchinello—Harlequin's Serenade ('I Pagliacci'—Leoncavallo).  
 Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and Iva Pacotti (Soprano) with Orch.  
 Dance of the Apprentices ('The Mastersingers of Nuremberg'—Wagner).

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London Symphony Orchestra.  
 Yes, she was taken from me—Each tear that falls ('Rigoletto'—Verdi).  
 Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Orchestra.  
 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
 8.02 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music. Introduction: Dance of the Queen of the Swans—Dance of the Prince—Dance of the Queen of the Swans—Waltz—Dance of the Swans—Spanish Dance—Mazurka—Dance of the Cygnets—Finale.  
 London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Antal Dorati.  
 8.35 p.m.—A Piano and Violin Recital by Vladimir Horowitz and Yehudi Menuhin.  
 Valse Op. 18, No. 1, Capriccio in F Minor (Dohnanyi).  
 Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).  
 Romanza Andaluza—Spanish Dance—Op. 22 (Sarasate).  
 Hungarian Dance No. 6 in B Flat Major (Brahms—Joachim).  
 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano ace.  
 Pastourel, Tocata (Poulenc), Etude XI Pour Les Arpesges Composés (Debussy).  
 Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).  
 La Chasse—Caprice (Carter-Kreisler).  
 Turkish March—Scherzo (Beethoven—Auer).  
 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano ace.  
 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
 9.30 p.m.—Request Variety Programme.  
 Vocal Duet—Another One Gone (Nicholls).  
 Norah Blaney & Gwen Farrar with Piano & Cello.  
 'Chu Chin Chow'—Selection (Norton).  
 London Palladium Orchestra.  
 Vocal: Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias, Simon).  
 Bing Crosby with Eddie Dunstetter at the Organ.  
 Dixieland—Selection Intro: Whistling Rufus, Alexander's Ragtime Band, Deep River Dittie: The Wedding Glide: Oh! You Beautiful Doll: I Want to be in Dixie: The Gaby Blide: The Shick: The Ragtime Violin: That Mysterious Rag: Back Home in Tennessee...  
 Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus.  
 Vocal—When April Sings: Waltzing in the Clouds (both from film 'Spring Parade').  
 Deanna Durbin with Orchestra.  
 9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Correspondence Column by Sidney Hornblow.  
 10.15 p.m.—Request Variety Programme continued.  
 Orch.—Gaiety Memories. Intro: Going Up: Every Little Girl can teach me something New: The Last Waltz: They didn't believe me: White City: Brighton: The Tickle Toe: Mary: Here in my Arms: The Guards Brigade...  
 London Palladium Orchestra.  
 Vocal—You're a Sweetheart (from the film: 'My Fine Feathered Friend' (film 'You're a Sweetheart')).  
 Greta Keller with Orchestra.  
 Slow Fox-Trot—Star Dust Covered Bundle...  
 Joe Loss & His Orch.  
 Vocal—The Wizard of Oz—Selection...  
 Steffani & His Silver Songsters.  
 Rumba—Mario La O...  
 Lecuona Cuban Boys.  
 Vocal—Where Yorkshire and Lancashire Meet (Evans & Others)...  
 Kitty Masters assisted by Bert Masters and Two Pianos.  
 Slow Fox-Trot—I Love You Much Too Much...  
 Ambrose & His Orchestra.  
 Vocal—That Sly Old Gentleman (film 'East side of Heaven')...  
 Bing Crosby with Orchestra.  
 Fox-Trot—Sweet Potato Piper (film 'The Road to Singapore')...  
 Glenn Miller & His Orchestra.  
 Savoy Southern Memories. Intro: Uncle Ned: My Old Kentucky Home: Massa's in de cold, cold ground: Who's dat a-calling: Carry Me Back to Old Virginie: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot: Camp Town Races: Deep River...  
 Debroy Somers Band with Male-Chorus.  
 11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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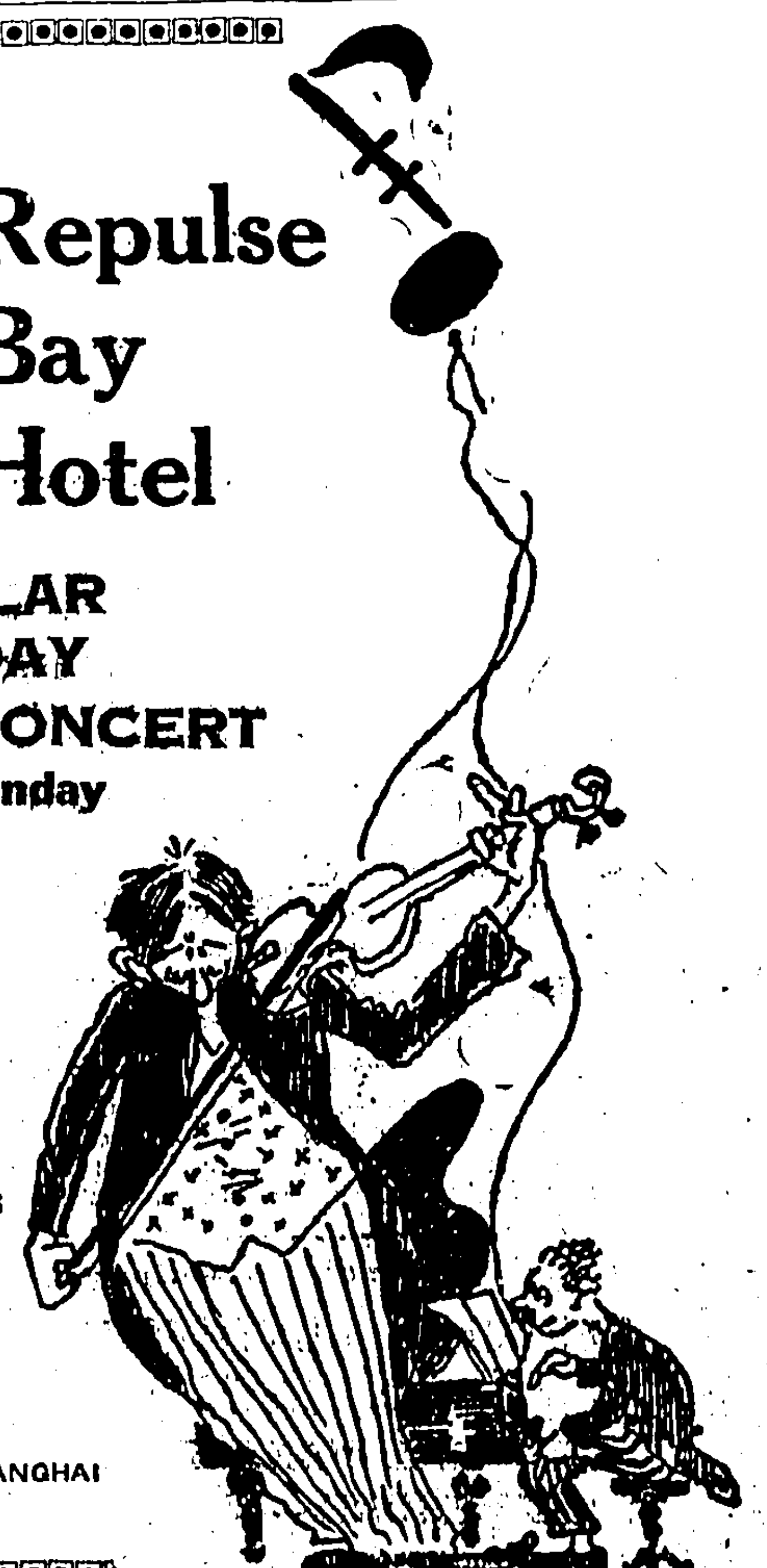
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At 3.15 p.m., on the same ground, Club and Police "A" will meet an Army "A" side. Club and Police will be represented by Jackson (Police); Reynolds (Police); Stewart (Club); van Leeuwen (Club) and Bosanquet (Club); Morgan (Club) and Clemon (Club); Godfrey (Club); Dempsey (Police); D. H. Taylor (Police); Needham (Club); Cleason (Club); Gratton (Club); Burford (Club) and Lewis (Army).

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Old Course		
9.16 a.m.	G. T. Harrington, J. S. Lee	
9.20	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morison	
	Edson	
9.24	E. G. Price, J. C. Taylor	
9.28	T. Low, N. K. Littlejohn	
9.32	P. E. Annis, A. W. Bourne	
9.36	F. A. Howard, I. M. Cotton	
9.40	I. H. Geare, T. Megarry	
9.44	J. W. Anderson, J. A. Partridge	
	Edson	
9.48	A. C. Meredith, T. E. Pearce	
9.52	E. P. Streetfield, J. E. Jupp	
9.56	C. F. Marshall, G. W. Behrman	
10.00	C. W. E. Bishop, W. Woodward	
10.04	J. Harrop, J. Linaker	
10.08	J. P. Sherry, A. Nicol	
10.12	J. Stenelsen, F. Groves	
10.16	A. D. Humphreys, A. B. Purves	
10.20	A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis	
10.24	A. McKellar, W. W. C. Sheehan	
10.28	R. Young, G. M. Park	
10.32	J. A. D. Morrison, A. K. Mackenzie	
10.36	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie	
10.40	A. B. Stafford, J. Hackney	
10.44	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills	
10.48	G. G. Aitkenhead, D. S. Robb	
10.52	J. G. Jensen, P. V. McLane	
10.56	A. V. Greaves, G. T. Lowry	
11.00	H. W. Belsey, W. G. Lawson	
11.04	Captain Waller, D. H. Hamilton	
New Course		
9.24 a.m.	R. R. Davies, P. Morrison	
9.32	Miss Blackburn, Mrs. Prophet	
10.20	Lt. Col. Shackleton, Lt. Col. Macpherson	
10.32	Sir V. Grayburn, R. Hancock	
10.36	H. S. Hills, G. Miskin	

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Hakone Maru	Friday,	11th Apr.

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*Lima Maru	Saturday,	22nd Mar.
*Hakodate Maru	Friday,	28th Mar.

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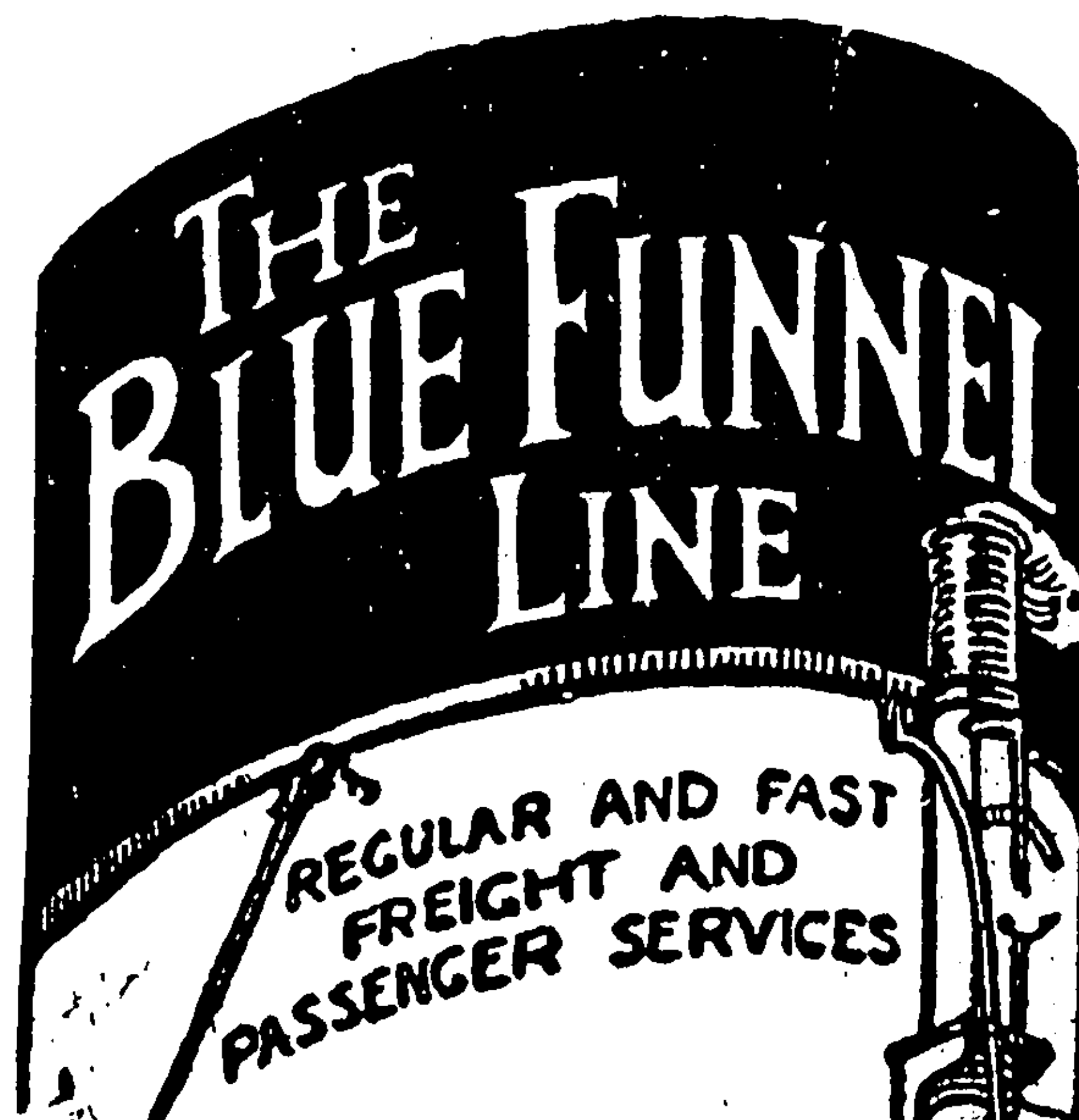
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### TO-MORROW'S RUGBY

The following will represent Lt. Carter's XV v A. N. Other XV to-morrow in a Rugby match at Causeway Bay, kick-off 4.30 p.m.: Thompson: McGill, Paul, Day and A. N. Other; Aitkenhead and Bowden; Bompas, Dunnett, Palmer, King, Stockham, Kennedy (Capt.), Lee and Flynn.

### CRICKET FIXTURES CANCELLED

Owing to Volunteer and other duties, the Cricket Club is cancelling its remaining cricket fixtures—

## MEDICALS TROUNCE AIR FORCE

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Army Medical Corps beat Air Force by 8 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

Scores were:

R.A.F.	
Goodwin, run out	3
Gash, b Coombes	0
Richardson, c Pratt, b Wyre	12
Paling, b Wyre	1
Stimson, l.b.w., b Coombes	6
Manfield, not out	7
Bartlett, c Coombes, b Wyre	1

tures—for to-morrow and next Saturday.

Hunt, c Pratt, b Wyre	0
Gillespie, c and b Wyre	13
Smith, b Wyre	4
Hawkins, b Wyre	14
Extras (B9)	1
Total	42

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	7.3	1	12	7
Coombes	7	1	21	2
R.A.M.C.				
Webb, retired	26			
Swyer, c Gash, b Hawkins	2			
Coombes, b Gillespie	10			
Dost Mohamed, b Smith	15			
Musson, b Smith	2			

## MARATHON POSTPONED

The twentieth Annual Kowloon Marathon Race, sponsored by St. Andrew's Church, which was scheduled to be held this afternoon, has been postponed until next Friday.

Entries have now been extended to next Tuesday and all those who have entered for the original date, are requested to reaffirm their intention of running on the revised date.

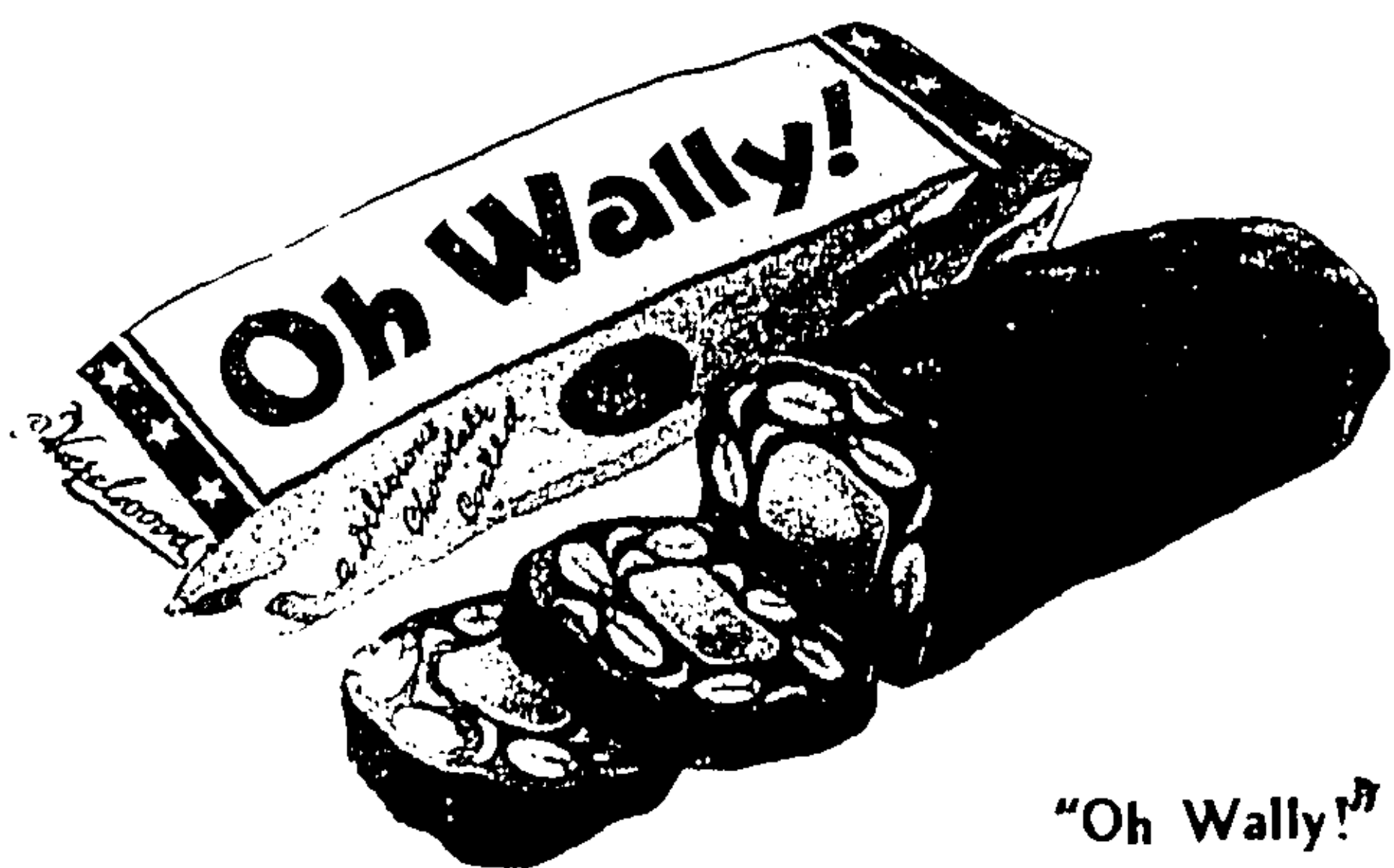
Shorthouse, b Richardson	6
Pratt, st., b Goodwin	13
Bright, b Goodwin	4
Wyre, c and b Goodwin	14
Evans, not out	1
Extras (LB2)	2
Total (for 9 wks.)	104

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	5	0	27	2
Hawkins	5	0	24	1
Gillespie	3	0	25	1
Richardson	4	1	5	1
Goodwin	2.4	0	15	3
Paling	1	0	6	0

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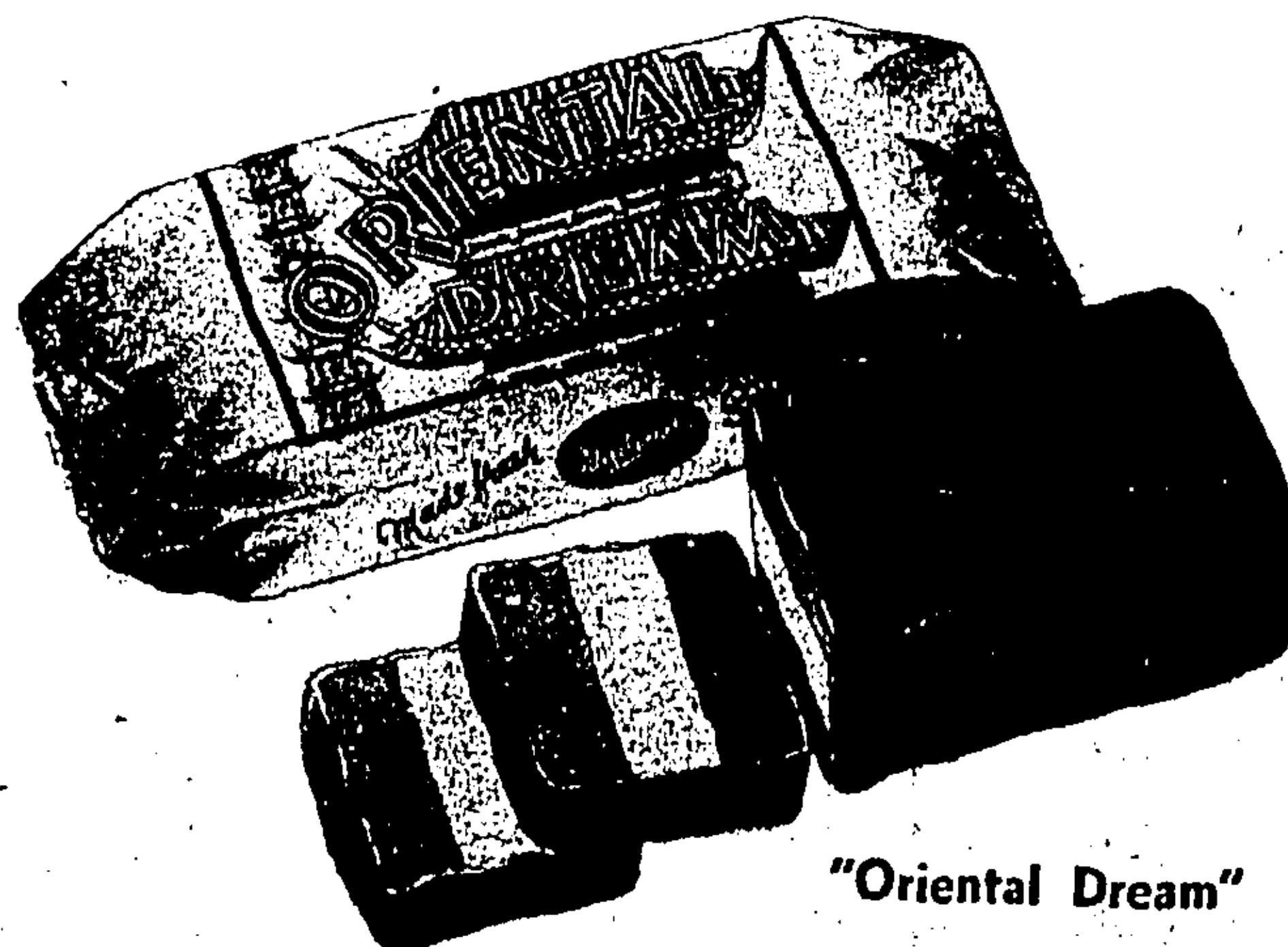
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# BAFFIN BAY LIKELY TO WIN MELBOURNE CUP

## But Strong Challenge Expected From Viceroy

### Black Seal And Venus Bay For The "Double"

"By Rapier"

KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT was felt among racing enthusiasts last Saturday when it was announced that the First Extra Race Meeting had again to be postponed. No rain fell throughout the day, but, with the sky overcast and in view of the sodden state of the track, the decision taken was a wise one.

The sun having made a most welcome re-appearance, the track should be firm to-morrow when the postponed meeting will be held, and I have no doubt that better racing will result under the circumstances.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and nine events are on the programme, the majority of which will be contested by the new ponies, both Australian and China, that have not won a race during the Annual Carnival.

The outstanding event of the day will be the Melbourne Cup, over two miles, which has aroused considerable discussion. This race is open to Australian Ponies of any season, but winners of \$4,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1941 are barred. A thrilling finish is expected, with the result in doubt probably right up to the very end.

#### RANDWICK PLATE (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

The programme opens with a race for Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not scored a win since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting.

Jus Gentium (Mr. Black) is the obvious choice for a win here in view of its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions and I consider Vitamin M to be the only pony among the entries that may be able to offer a challenge. I have been given to understand, however, that Vitamin M will not be starting on account of an injury received during the Carnival, in which case Snow White (Mr. Pih) should place second. For third place a good fight should be seen between Angel of Glory (Mr. Yuen) and Seal River (Mr. Hearne).

#### LOITERERS STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

New Griffins that have not won a race will try conclusions here, and Charlesber, although disappointing badly on its last outing when it was beaten by Sam's Choice by a short head in the Nil Desperandum Stakes, should be strongly supported; I rather fancy its chances.

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei), which was third to Charlesber in the race referred to above, offers a threat as it can move pretty fast though lacking in stamina. However, if Mr. Wei is able to hold it back until the last quarter, it may spring a surprise.

Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Tao) should secure third place and, for

outsider, I suggest Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) as this pony has shown much improvement judging by its morning gallops.

#### RANDWICK PLATE (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

Second section of non-winning Australian subscription griffins of 1941 will figure in this race, and, judging by results, I expect the finish to resolve into a battle between the following:—

Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao);  
Corsair (Mr. P. P. Botelho);  
Daylight (Mr. Wei);  
Sydney Diamond (Mr. Chang);  
and,  
Lodestar (Mr. Davis).

Corsair came third in the Flemington Plate (First Section) over the mile, and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Bona Vacantia, which did extremely well in the first section of the Perth Plate, when it came in second to Moonlight.

Daylight, with a change of jockey in Mr. Wei, is expected to be near at the finish, while Sydney Diamond, which was a disappointment during the Carnival but has yet to show its true form, is a possible for a win to-morrow on account of the hard track envisaged.

Lodestar is running very well at the moment during morning gallops and should not be disregarded. Although it did not gain a place at the Annual Meeting, it is quite capable of extending the above-named ponies.

#### MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is confined to "B" Class, Australian subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941. Springhurst (Mr. Poy), for its second placing to Brutus in the Ladies' Purse, has been penalised 5 lb., which I think is not too severe a handicap, and, as the distance is only a mile, I fancy it to win.

Corniebar (Mr. Chao), for its third placing to Springhurst, is up by a pound and will probably take second place.

Devonian (Mr. Black), ran poorly in the Ladies' Purse when it led the field until the Football Stands for the second time round and then faded out of the picture. In view of its light weight, however, coupled with the shorter distance and ground conditions, I think it has a grand opportunity of reversing its defeat at the hands of the above two ponies and thus giving a nice welcome to His Excellency the Governor, who recently returned.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Trevorton) was only a short head behind Springhurst, the second pony in the Bendigo Handicap, from the two mile post, and for that reason it can be relied upon to give a good account of itself in this race. Rowan (Mr. Hearne) is another likely pony which may cause an upset.

Everything considered, I expect Springhurst to win with Corniebar second and Vixen Tor third, leaving Devonian the pony to cause the upset—if there should be one at all.

#### RANDWICK PLATE (THIRD SECTION): ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined



to third section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that did not win a race at the Annual Race Meeting.

From the entries I recommend Black Seal, which will be taken out by Mr. Needa, as it was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down among prospective winners. Why it has failed so far I cannot understand, but with this field I think it should win.

The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang), which was third in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over this distance, should fill second place, with Bendigo (Mr. Black) taking the other place. Strathalbyn (Mr. Trevorton) and Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan) are promising outsiders.

#### MELBOURNE CUP: TWO MILES

This, the main event of the afternoon, is confined to Australian ponies of past and present seasons that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941, and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between the following:—

Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa);  
Viceroy (Mr. Black);  
First Love (Mr. Liang);  
Fleetwing (Mr. Poy); and,  
Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis).

Baffin Bay will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and, on form, should have no difficulty in winning, although Viceroy, which won the Kara Kara Handicap on the third day of the Annual Meeting, should give it a good race as it is very fit at the moment.

The fight for third place should be between First Love and Marsh Warbler.

For an outsider, I recommend Fleetwing.

#### BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "C" Class, Australian Subscription ponies. Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), is undoubtedly the best and has

accordingly been allotted top weight. In view of its performance in the Benarba Handicap (Two Miles), when it came in second to Centre Court carrying the same weight, and as the distance is only a mile, it should not have any trouble in winning for the first time this year.

The pony to watch, however, is Cheerful Star, but as this animal has not been seen for some time at the Course in the morning, I doubt if it will start. If it does it should give Venus Bay a keen fight.

Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) must also be considered as it is good enough to extend the above two ponies.

My choice is Venus Bay to win, with Cheerful Star second and Shuttlecock third.

#### RANDWICK PLATE (FOURTH SECTION): ONE MILE

Fourth Section of 1941 non-winning Australian Subscription Griffins will fight out the issue in this race and from their performances during the Carnival I should not be far wrong in suggesting A Rosy Time (Mr. Black), which was second in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over the mile, as the likely winner.

However, there is Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne) to be reckoned with as this pony ran a good second in the Blue Mountains Plate (Second Section) over this distance, and Optima Fide (Mr. Chao), which is also good enough to win.

Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should also be in the picture in the final run home if Mr. Botelho can hold it until after passing the Rock.

#### OAKLEIGH PLATE: ONE MILE

This is the final event of the day, for Australian Ponies, griffins of this season that have not won. Looking over the entries, Oracle (Mr. Needa) appears the logical choice for a win in view of its second placing in the Austral Racing Stakes to Coloona, while Prairie View (Mr. Pih), which came in second to A Luxurius Time in the Caulfield Stakes, should take second place.

Mr. Chao is taking out Nomine Poenae instead of Vis Major in this race and should take third place.

King's Welcome has been a disappointment thus far but may do well to-morrow.

My choice for first three are Oracle, Prairie View and Nomine Poenae.



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# GRIM STRUGGLE BETWEEN O. UMETANI AND M. PAGH

## K.W. CHOY IMPRESSES AT TAIKOO; GOOD MIXED DOUBLES MATCH

### NO DECISION REACHED AFTER 90 MINUTES

By "Adrem"

Two matches were played in the Colony tennis tournament at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday but only one was finished the Rumjahn cousins, holders of the doubles title, receiving little opposition from Lee Ming and Kenneth Lo—and M. Pagh and O. Umetani being unable to reach a decision after a gruelling struggle which lasted almost an hour and a half.

From a point of view of lengthy rallies and determination by both men, the match between Pagh and Umetani will probably not be surpassed at any stage of the tournament. Umetani was the better player, in that he was fully equipped to play every stroke, but Pagh's fluent forehand drive and accurate placements on the backhand, combined with judicious lobbing enabled him to hold his own.

Umetani won the first set at 6-4, after leading 4-2 and Pagh took the second, after a great fight, at 8-6.

#### Pagh's Shortcomings

Obvious shortcomings in Pagh's game were evident throughout the encounter. His accurate driving frequently drove Umetani out of position but Pagh's inability to force the issue from the net placed him at a great disadvantage and for the most part he was forced to concentrate on maintaining the rallies until Umetani broke down.

Umetani, early in the proceedings, endeavoured to force matters from the forecourt but after several of these sorties had met with some success, Pagh found a length with his lobbing and Umetani was forced to stay back. The best stroke the Japanese player produced was a cross-court forehand drive which he hit with power and accuracy into his opponent's forehand corner. His running forehand drive up the sidelines was also accurately executed.

Towards the end both men were obviously exhausted and the result of a final set would have been difficult to forecast.

The match will be replayed at some future date.

Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming were far from impressive against

the Rumjahns, although Lo occasionally pulled out a nice forehand drive.

#### TO-DAY'S FIXTURES

**OPEN DOUBLES**  
W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v Wei Chung and S. T. Chau (5).  
Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui v R. E. Quest and B. C. Fay (8).  
B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow v W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell (4).

**CLUB SINGLES**  
P. J. Elder v T. C. Monaghan (6).  
**CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES**  
D. S. Robb (3/6) v E. R. Childe (1/6) (1).  
H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) v E. H. Brazel (-2.6) (2).  
T. J. Gould (-15.3) v D. A. Murdoch (-2.6) (3).  
F. D. Hunter (2.6) v S. E. Lavrov (2.6) (7).

#### BADMINTON RESULTS AT A GLANCE

**JUNIOR SINGLES**  
E. Zimmermann beat J. Hooi 15-5, 7-15 and 15-10.  
**SENIOR DOUBLES**  
K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonzales 15-4, 15-10.  
**MIXED DOUBLES**  
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 14-17, 15-3, 18-15.  
K. W. Choy and Mrs. N. Castro beat S. Amplavanar and Miss T. Gonzales 15-9, 15-5.

#### LADIES' DOUBLES DRAW

Following is the draw for the Ladies' Doubles badminton championship:

Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Miss J. Choa and Miss M. Churn; Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. M. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Wilson; Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong v. Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzales; Miss D. Eardley and Mrs. Zimmermann v. Miss M. Neronha and Miss I. Pereira.

By Adrem

A LARGE AND ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME OF COLONY BADMINTON MATCHES WAS DECIDED AT TAIKOO YESTERDAY, A FAIRLY LARGE CROWD BEING PRESENT DESPITE THE DISTANCE IT WAS NECESSARY TO TRAVEL, PRINCIPALLY TO WATCH K. W. CHOY, THE MOST TALKED OF PLAYER THIS YEAR, IN ACTION.

Choy figured in two matches—a men's doubles and a mixed doubles—both of which were won easily. He revealed himself as a splendid player, whose coverage of court, anticipation and effortless clearing shots will make him a strong contender for the singles crown. His men's doubles partner, K. B. Low, who has not been seen in the tournament hitherto, is also a fine player, and these two are likely to make a strong bid for the doubles title.

Most thrilling match of the evening was between M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva, who have played together for years, and David Kwok and Mrs. Peggy Wilson. Winning the first game as the result of brilliant all-round play, the Cathedral pair appeared to have the match in hand when they led 12-8 in the final session. Oliveira and Miss Silva, however, fought back with determination and, after "setting," went on to win.

There was little to choose between the opposite numbers of either side. Kwok was probably the cleverer of the two men but Oliveira made up for any shortcomings in his game by his speed in covering court and his decisive overhead work.

His attack of service was masterly, and at one stage had the effect of partially demoralising the opposition.

#### Mrs. Wilson Good

Mrs. Wilson, although she was apt to go for shots that should have been left to her partner showed vast improvement and she rarely made a mistake with anything at the net that should have been punished. Miss Silva, was erratic early on but later improved considerably.

The splendid positioning of Choy was the feature of the final mixed doubles match. Although Amplavanar tried very hard and occasionally brought off some splendid shots, he could find no flaw in Choy's play. Miss Gonzales was probably the steadier of the two ladies and she had some rare duels with Choy from which she did not always emerge unsuccessful.

In the only other game, Ernie Zimmermann, of K.C.C. beat J. Hooi. Zimmermann was accurate in the later stages and was able to dictate terms. His best scoring shots were a cross-court smash and well-placed drop.

#### TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were yesterday's Tennis Results:

**OPEN SINGLES**  
O. Umetani (6-4) v M. Pagh (8-6) Unfinished. To be replayed.

**OPEN DOUBLES**  
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Kenneth Lo and Lee Wing 6-1, 6-3.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
V. R. Gordon beat A. K. MacKenzie 6-3, 6-0.

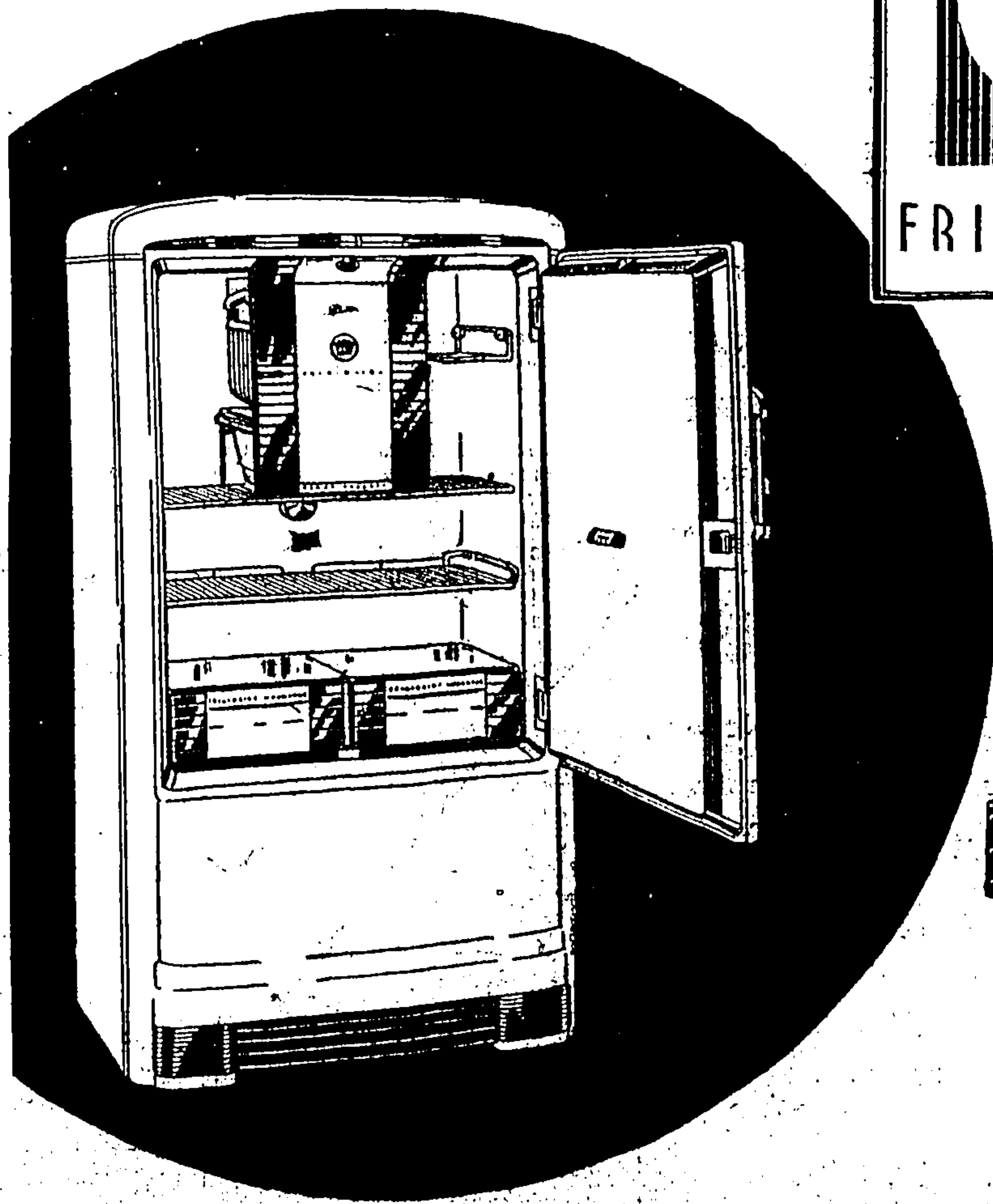
**CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES**  
G. Stirling Lee received walk-over from E. S. Hall.  
H. C. D. Knight beat A. C. I. Bowker 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

#### SCHOOLS' SPORTS

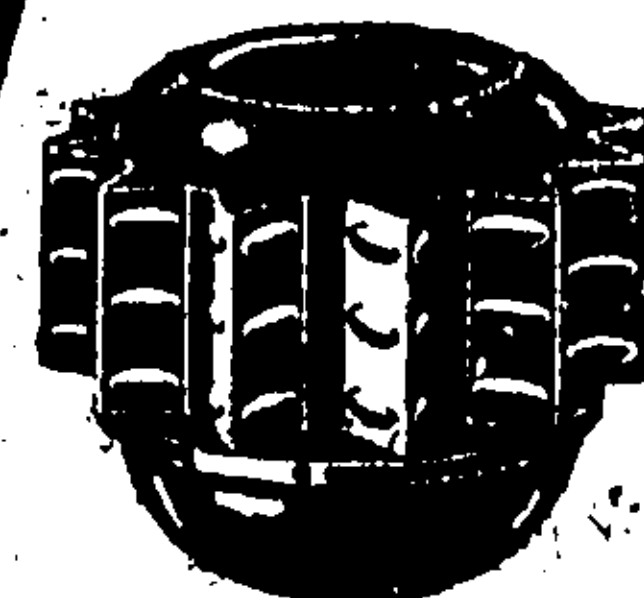
The final of the annual Inter-Schools Athletic Sports will take place at Caroline Hill Stadium today, commencing at 2 p.m. A programme of 11 events will be decided.

Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education, will distribute the prizes.

Following is the programme: 100 Metres (2.00 p.m.); Long Jump (2.10 p.m.); 800 Metres (2.30 p.m.); Pole Vault (2.40 p.m.); 200 Metres (2.50 p.m.); Shot Put (3.10 p.m.); 400 Metres (3.25 p.m.); High Jump (3.40 p.m.); 1,500 Metres (4.00 p.m.); 110 Metres High Hurdles (4.10 p.m.); and Medley Relay Race (4.20 p.m.).



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# KENT TOWN MACHINE-GUNNED

## German Raids Along The Coastal Region

### Alert In London Last Night

**THERE WAS SLIGHT ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY.**

On the Kent coast yesterday morning machine-gun fire was directed at the streets of a town and bombs were dropped at two points, says the latest Air Ministry communique.

Houses were damaged and a small number of casualties occurred, some of which were fatal. Bombs were also dropped in a south coast district but damage was small.

### DUTCH FREIGHTER SUNK

The Navy Department of the Netherlands East Indies report d last night that the Dutch freighter "Simaloer" (6,500 tons) must be considered lost after an air attack in the Atlantic at the beginning of March.

It is believed that, of the crew of 71, only two Chinese firemen are missing.—Reuter.

### WORLD BROADCAST BY PRESIDENT

A speech President Roosevelt is to make at a dinner in Washington on Jackson Day, March 29, attended by leaders of the Democratic Party, is to be broadcast all over the world.—Reuter.

The alert sounded in the London area last night and heavy gunfire soon heralded the approach of raiders who appeared to be coming in from the Thames Estuary. Enemy planes were also believed to be in the vicinity of the south-west and East Anglia.

### Dive Bomber Destroyed

Meanwhile the Admiralty records that a German dive-bomber was destroyed in the afternoon by the drifter "Young Mun" (Skipper G. B. Buchan, R.N.R.) and the yacht "Chico" (Lt. J. Mason, D.S.C., R.N.V.R.).

The German bomber made a dive attack on the ships. The gunner of the "Young Mun" continued to fire his Lewis gun into the enemy until the dive-bomber was within 50 feet. The dive-bomber, hit and out of control, was unable to check its dive. It carried away the mizzenmast of the "Young Mun" and disintegrated alongside the ship.—Reuter.

### 60,000-TON BATTLESHIPS FOR U.S.

The next United States battleships to be built under the two-ocean navy programme will be from 60,000 to 65,000 tons, and thus will be the world's largest battleships.

This was stated by naval experts in the House of Representatives yesterday.—Reuter.

### JAPAN'S PLIGHT

### Scarcity Of Good Whisky

Many Germans are receiving small parcels of tea, coffee, sugar and soap from friends or relatives in Thailand, and the fact that these parcels have to go via Japan, Siberia and Russia is regarded as indication of the shortage of these commodities in Germany.

The parcels are apparently described as "samples" and there is no limit to the number which can be addressed to any single recipient, provided the weight of each does not exceed one kilogram.

Whisky is the largest single item among foodstuffs and beverages sent by Japanese in Thailand as "gifts" to friends or relations at home.

These gifts go by sea and air mail and good whisky is now so scarce in Japan, it is stated, that it is considered well worth paying the costs involved, as well as the heavy import duties recipients in Japan must pay.—Reuter.

### INDO-CHINA FLEET STRENGTHENED

A FURTHER ADDITION TO THE FRENCH ASIATIC FLEET LOOMED WITH A REPORT THAT THREE CRUISERS OF THE 7,600-TON CLASS AND ONE SUBMARINE HAVE ALREADY LEFT FRANCE EN ROUTE TO SAIGON, STATES A JAPANESE REPORT.

It is recalled that a French submarine arrived at Saigon on March 6 from France. The three cruisers are reported to include the Gloire, Marcellinise and Montcalm.—Reuter.

### MORE JAPANESE LEAVE SINGAPORE

The N.Y.K. liner "Haruna Maru" sailed from Singapore for Japan at noon yesterday carrying the last group of Japanese women and children evacuating Singapore in view of the mounting tension in the Far East, states a Japanese report.

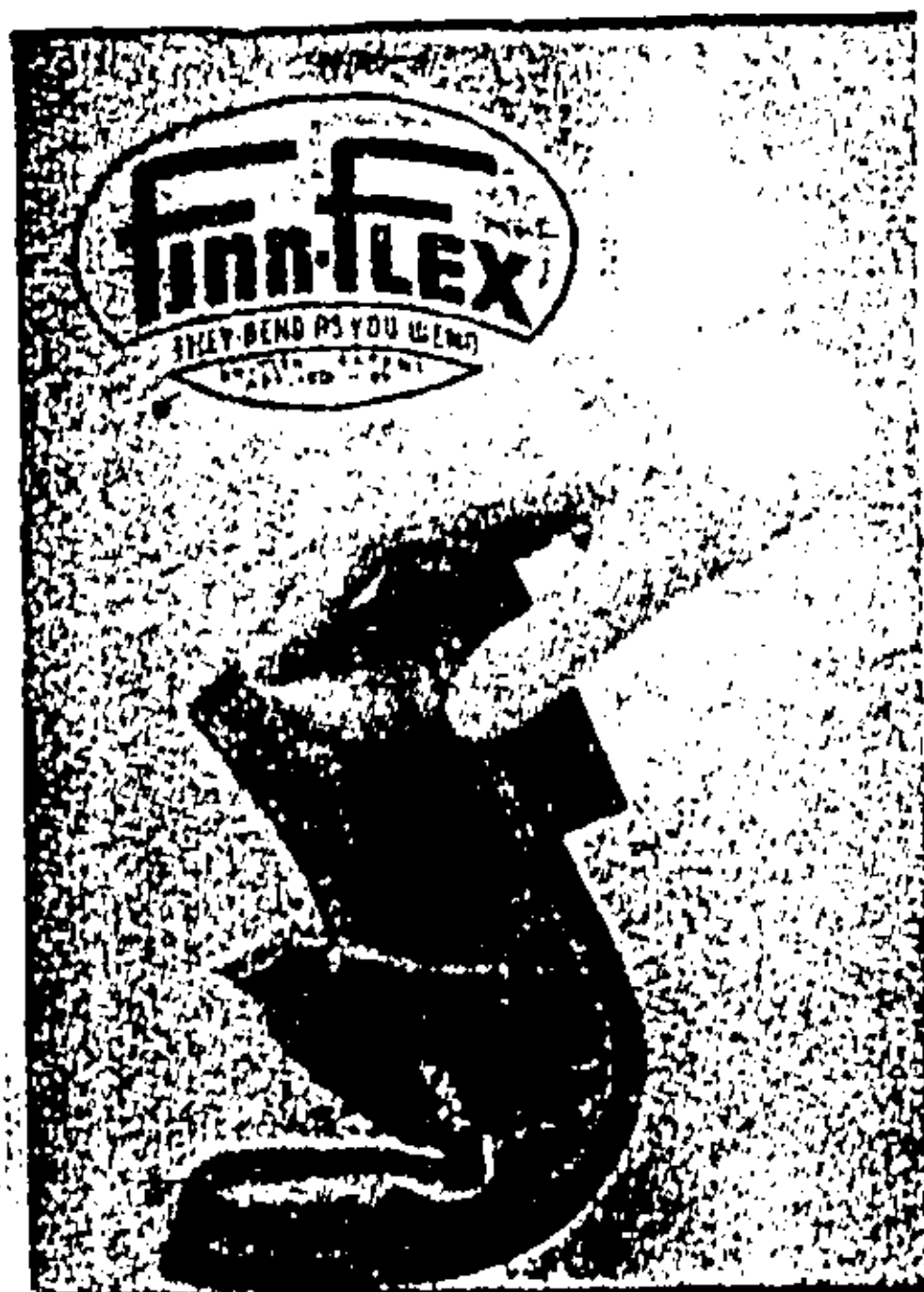
Count Michimasa Soewima and seven members of the Afghanistan mission to Japan were also on board.—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

The destruction of an enemy raider brought down over London on Wednesday night by A.A. fire was witnessed by a pilot of the Fighter Command.

Approaching the London area shortly after midnight, states the Air Ministry news service, the pilot noticed a heavy concentration of A.A. fire followed a few minutes later by a violent explosion, in the light of which the wreckage of a disintegrated aircraft could be seen falling through the sky.

Credit for destruction of the raider goes to a London gun post which scored a direct hit on the bomber with its sixth round.—British Wireless.



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# KING OF ITALY REPORTED MAKING PEACE OVERTURES

## Torpedo 'Planes Raid Valona And Durazzo

An Italian cruiser or large destroyer was among ships sunk or damaged in a series of attacks which the Fleet Air Arm made against enemy shipping in Valona and Durazzo last Saturday and Monday nights, states a communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Six or seven hits were obtained with torpedoes, says the communique, which adds the attacks were extremely successful and caused severe damage.—Reuter.

## WEYGAND FIRM BEHIND VICHY POLICY

(By Samuel Dassiell)

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITISH HOPES THAT North Africa may eventually be detached from the Vichy regime were dashed in Algiers yesterday by General Weygand.

General Weygand reiterated in the strongest terms in an interview with me his whole theory of government, which is based on the following precepts:—

First, North Africa is France, and France is loyal to Marshal Petain.

Second, North Africa will resist with the French fleet and all other forces at her command any attack from any quarter.

"It is regrettable," General Weygand said, "that the British attacks against Oran and Dakar cost the British dearly in the minds of Frenchmen in North Africa."

Referring to the Lease and Lend Act, he said: "I admire President Roosevelt as a man of resolution. The launching of his project will not alter the position here, because French Africa is the same as France."—International News Service.

## A.B. FOUND SHOT DEAD

A British Able Seaman, Douglas Thomas Thorburn, aged 27 years, was found dead on board a gunboat in Harbour last night, death being apparently due to a gun shot wound.

Deceased was a member of the crew of the river gunboat, and it is understood that he left a letter behind.

An earlier report stating that the incident occurred in "Cornflower" is untrue.

## Population 'Getting Out Of Hand'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INTERNATIONAL NEWS IS ABLE TO REVEAL THAT NEW PEACE FEELERS ARE BEING SENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ON ORDERS FROM THE VATICAN IN A NEW EFFORT TO END THE EUROPEAN WAR.

The new peace campaign is being conducted quietly but is extending even to the United States.

The King of Italy and the Pope have, it is suggested, been in contact with each other for the purpose of removing Italy from the war before irremedial disaster overtakes it.

Furthermore, the Italian populace is reported to be getting out of hand and "anything can be expected" if Italy's defeats become graver than they are.

It was reported in London yesterday that the Papal representative will approach President Roosevelt and ask him to use his influence with Britain to enable Italy to present to London definite proposals for a separate peace.

## Il Duce Opposed

It is reported the plan will be "opposed frantically by Mussolini and his clique, who know it will mean their doom and that King Victor Emmanuel will resume his full powers."

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT CATHOLIC CLERGY IN BRITAIN, WHILE BOUND TO CARRY OUT THE VATICAN'S WISHES, WOULD OPPOSE ANY PEACE NOT INVOLVING GERMANY'S COMPLETE DEFEAT.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

## MENACE TO GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

COMMENTING ON THE LATEST SITUATION IN THE BALKANS, THE MADRID NEWSPAPER "ABC" YESTERDAY STATED THAT GERMAN/GREEK RELATIONS HAVE SO MUCH DETERIORATED THAT IT WOULD BE ONLY A QUESTION OF DAYS BEFORE AN INVASION OF GREECE FROM BULGARIA TAKES PLACE.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

## THREAT OF REBELLION IN SYRIA

By Julian Meltzer

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A virtual Nationalist rebellion, designed to separate French mandated Syria from the Vichy regime, is now under way, according to reliable information reaching me last night.

The recent riots and disturbances in Damascus and elsewhere in Syria can be traced directly to the emancipation campaign of the extreme Nationalists, who presumably prefer fighting alongside Britain to domination by Marshal Petain.

Agitation of the programme of "Syria for the Syrians" is being spurred by economic distress and a shortage of staple foods and fuel, which the French administrators have been unable to alleviate.

The Nationalist movement is striking a responsive chord among the masses.—International News Service.

pected that the agreement itself will be signed early next week.—British Wireless.

## BASE AGREEMENT REACHED

Details of the agreement in connection with the leasing by the U.S. of naval and air bases in British colonies have been completed by the technical committee set up to consider it and it is ex-

## LONDON RAIDER SHOT DOWN

The destruction of an enemy raider brought down over London on Wednesday night by A.A. fire was witnessed by a pilot of the Fighter Command.

Approaching the London area shortly after midnight, states the Air Ministry news service, the pilot noticed a heavy concentration of A.A. fire followed a few minutes later by a violent explosion, in the light of which the wreckage of a disintegrated aircraft could be seen falling through the sky.

Credit for destruction of the raider goes to a London gun post which scored a direct hit on the bomber with its sixth round.—British Wireless.

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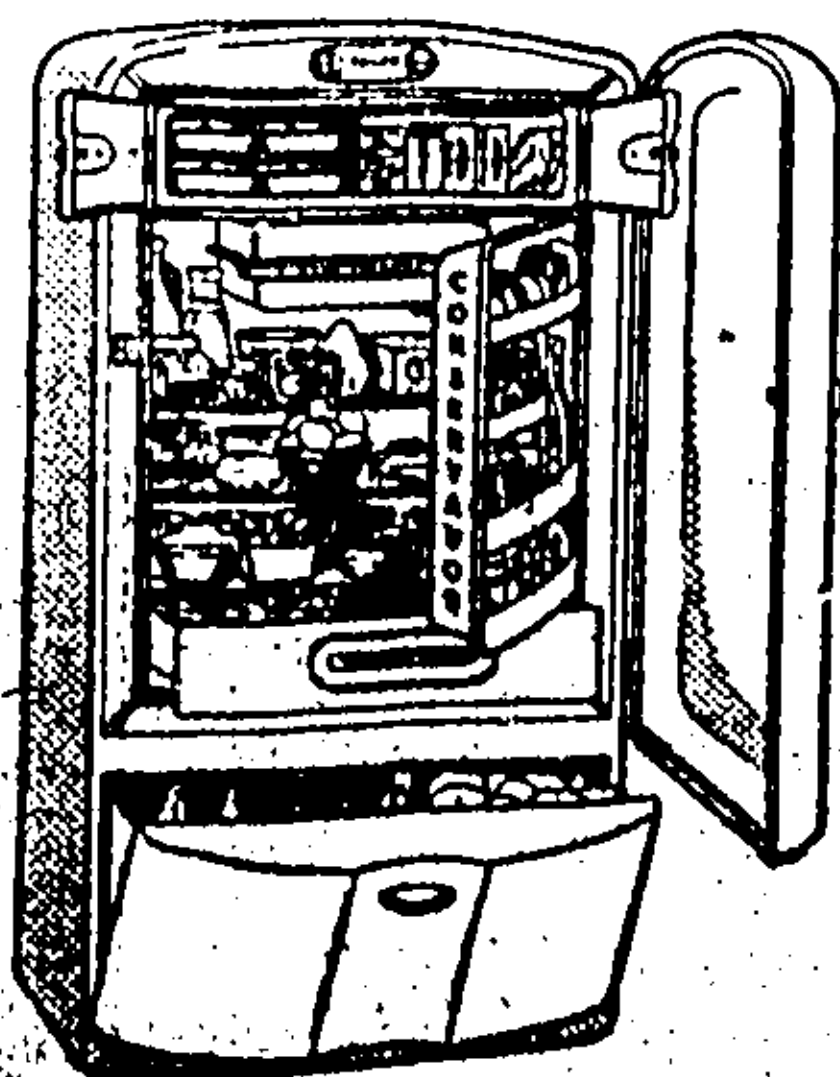
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# AXIS MUST WIN WAR THIS YEAR

Neutral Observer's Estimate Of Situation

## Invasion Effort Too Hazardous

THE WORLD'S FIRST blitz war has now lasted a year and a half, declared Colonel Kleen, writing in the Stockholm "Veckojournalen" yesterday on the Battle of the Atlantic.

To win the war the Axis must score a decisive victory in the summer of 1941 — after that the enemies will become too strong.

An invasion of England was considered too hazardous last autumn and it would now be still more difficult, for the British are very much stronger.

Invasion necessitates control of the waters concerned, security against the enemy air force and the breaking down of the shore defences in the first attack.

None of these conditions exist, so invasion will probably remain merely a threat, binding the British forces.

It remains for Germany to achieve victory by blockade. The Germans have better submarine bases now but anti-submarine weapons are also greatly improved.

The Americans have already transferred 50 destroyers to Britain and they still have 211 compared with Japan's 83.

### America's Capacity

A hundred American destroyers can thus be transferred to the Atlantic for operating against German submarines, either by direct intervention or by being transferred to Britain.

In addition there are mosquito boats which can be produced in large numbers, and there is also a considerable amount of shipping frozen in American harbours which can be transferred to Britain. Finally, British bombers operating against submarines in their bases and at sea are causing them severe losses.

TECHNICAL POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR FIGHTING SUBMARINES IF THEY CAN BE BROUGHT INTO USE QUICKLY ENOUGH. — REUTER.

## STABBING ATTACK BY THIEF

A FOKI OF A MONEY-CHANGER'S SHOP IN BONHAM STRAND EAST WAS ATTACKED WITH A KNIFE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO ARREST A THIEF SHORTLY AFTER 12 NOON YESTERDAY.

The alleged thief snatched a bundle of bank-notes from the counter and ran into Des Voeux Road Central with the foki in pursuit.

The man suddenly stopped, and pulling out a knife, attacked the foki with it. Pedestrians, however, rescued the foki, who was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

## FIERCE BLAZE IN CENTRAL

The Central District was brightly lit up early this morning by a huge blaze, the result of a fire on the second floor of No. 56, Staunton Street.

The outbreak occurred at about 1.30 a.m. and rapidly spread to the adjoining flat before the arrival of four fire appliances from the Central Fire Station.

Occupants of both houses hurriedly left their beds, and, snatching up a few personal belongings, rushed out into the streets, where they remained until dawn.

There were no casualties, and the outbreak was under control within half an hour of the arrival of the fire brigade.

## NETHERLANDS TRAINING MANY PILOTS

A large number of pilots are being trained in the Netherlands East Indies for duty in Europe, stated Col. Dijkhoorn, Dutch Defence Minister, in an interview in "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, yesterday.

He also stated that a number of Dutch pilots are now being trained in the R.A.F. for fighter machines and they hoped to have their own Dutch fighter squadrons in the R.A.F.

British instructors, he added, had been greatly impressed with the batch of aviators.

The Dutch army was growing in strength and equipment and new and extremely important material for the Dutch Navy was being put into service. — Reuter.

## NEW BUDGET COMING BEFORE EASTER

Mr. Winston Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday that the Budget would be introduced in the Commons before Easter, says Reuter from London.

## PLANNING POST-WAR TRADE

The need for Britain to plan her post-war trade policy now, was urged in a speech in London by Lord Forbes, member of the Willingdon mission to South America, who recently returned to Britain.

"This country," said Lord Forbes, has been and must continue to be one of the world's workshops. Our export trade is vital to us if we are to maintain our trade position after the war.

Maximum efficiency can only be achieved by a planned policy. It will be of major importance that we have defined our trading policy.

We do not want the Germans to resume their barter system and other unfair trading methods under our noses."

Lord Forbes said Brazil, which was the first country he visited, impressed him greatly as a potential industrial country of the future. In iron and steel Brazil already had a production of 300,000 tons yearly whereof 140,000 tons was steel. Works under construction would have a capacity of half a million tons of steel yearly.

### Likely Competitor

"Brazil, who is already producing woollen and cotton goods, silk, rayon, hardware, pottery, glass, iron, steel, timber, coal, flour, cement and tyres—all of very fair quality and all from her own raw materials—is likely to prove a strong competitor with Britain the U.S.A. and other industrial countries for the markets of South America if not elsewhere."

Lord Forbes revealed that surplus coffee, instead of being burnt, was being made in Brazil into a plastic called appropriately cafet, which might be used for aeroplane components if not for the manufacture of complete planes. —British Wireless.

## GUAM DEFENCES

TWO BILLS AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$345,000,000 ON A NAVAL AND PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, INCLUDING WORK ON THE PACIFIC ISLANDS OF GUAM AND SAMOA AND BASES RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM BRITAIN, PASSED THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

The Bills, which include expenditure of \$16,500,000 for aviation stations in British possessions, now await President Roosevelt's signature. —Reuter.

## BRITAIN AND AID TO CHINA

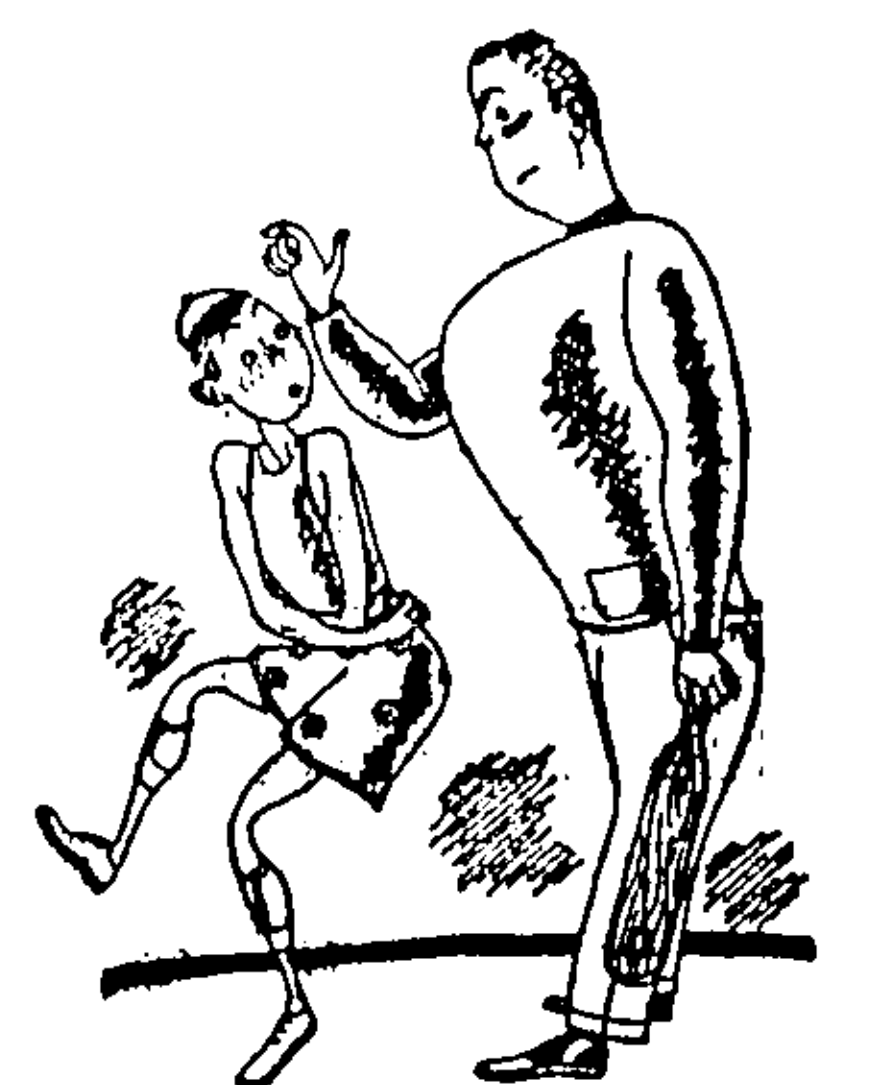
Mr. Robert Morgan asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Government associates itself with President Roosevelt's declaration in favour of all-out aid for China as far as we can render it at present.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that Government noted with sympathy and interest President Roosevelt's statement regarding China, and it was Government's policy to maintain the closest contact with the United States Government. —Reuter

## BEVIN BOYS REACH ENGLAND

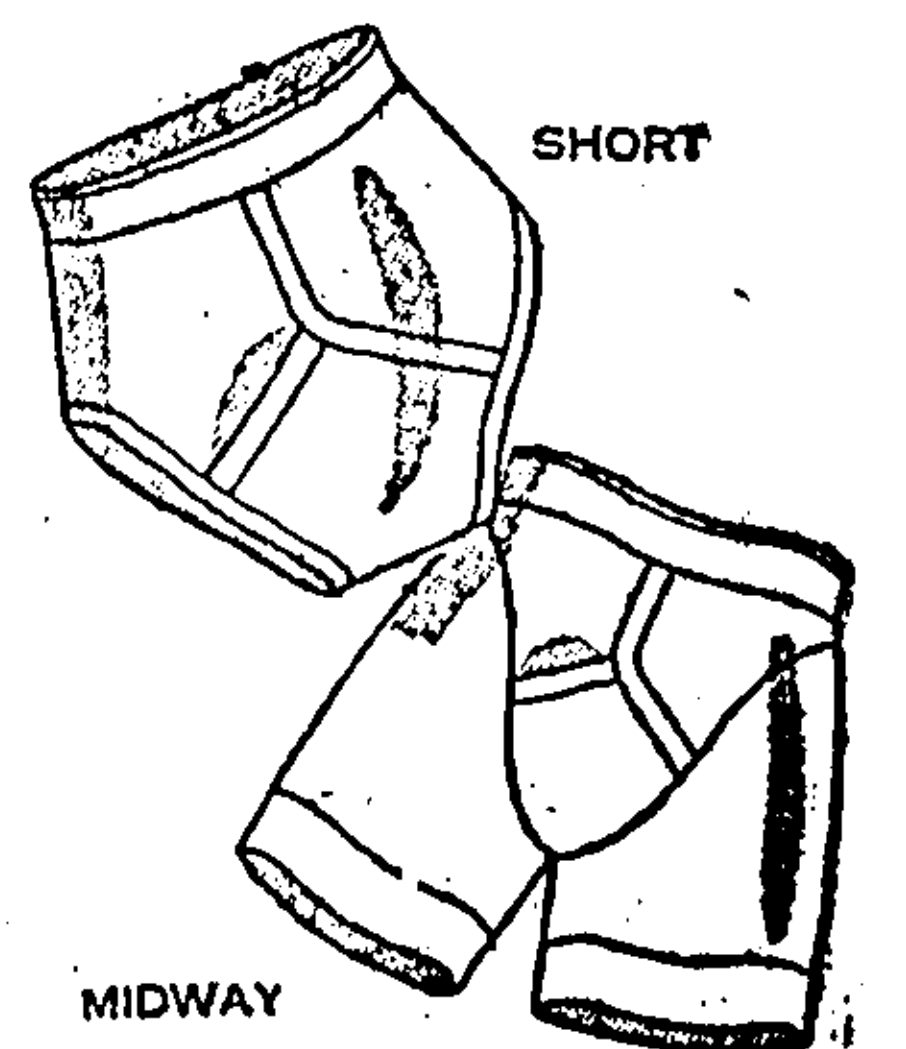
News was received in Madras yesterday that the first batch of "Bevin Boys" has reached England and the second batch is almost ready to proceed. — Reuter.

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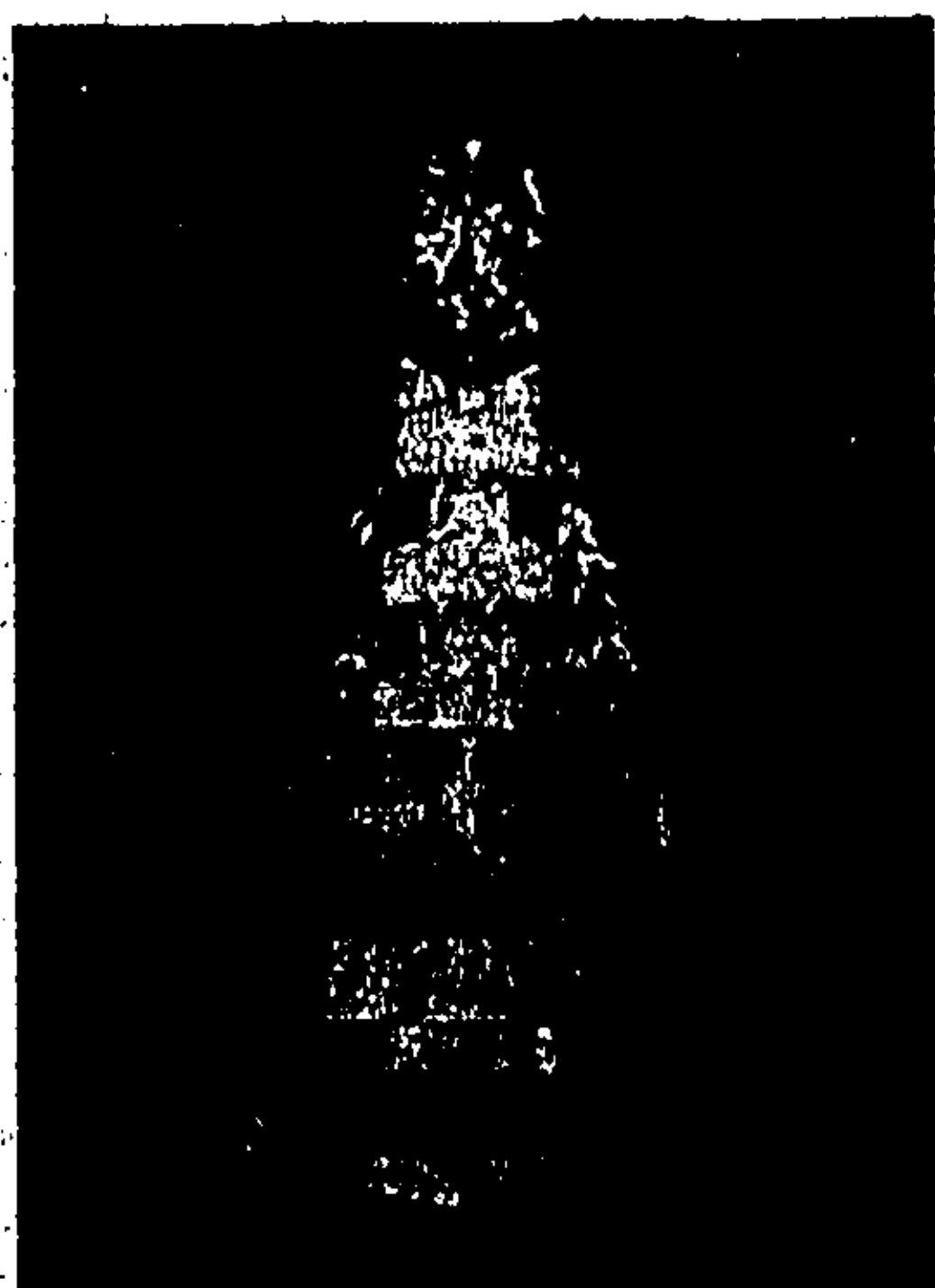
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# Alarm Call Test Of British Coastal Defences

## LIGHTS SEARCH CHANNEL FAR OUT TO SEA

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent  
Somewhere on the South Coast)

**THE LIGHTING UP OF BRITAIN'S SOUTHERN SHORES FROM THE BEACHES WITH LIGHTS SEARCHING FAR OUT TO SEA, WOULD HAVE QUICKLY EXPOSED A NAZI INVASION HAD IT FOLLOWED THE HEAVY RAID ON LONDON DURING WEDNESDAY NIGHT.**

Under the pale light of a half moon, I watched from a coastal battery's observation post, near the foreshore, the crews of searchlights, guns and "other devices" which the British Army now possesses, turn out for a peacetime alarm call.

It took them just 30 seconds to reach their posts.

Their job was to spot an invasion force in the darkness and to fire the first salvoes of the heavy barrage which awaits a possible invader.

The illumination was the means of means to prevent a surprise at night, but if the invaders used a smoke screen the defenders could achieve the same end by other means of detection.

### Moon's Reflection

Searchlights of 15 million candlepower searched the seas, their bluish white beam so intense that the moon's reflection on the water paled into insignificance, while seagulls played in this sunbeam of night war, their shadows like notes on some distant music score.

Suddenly this picture of fragile beauty changed as the searchlight silhouetted a small vessel representing the first of the invasion barges.

Deadly 6-inch guns, hidden in the darkness, swung into action positions, ready to hurl 100-lb shells at the target.

### Rough Reception

Any German fleet which managed to evade the Navy and the R.A.F. would assuredly be roughly handled.

Behind the beaches, where ingenuity has resulted in few accidents even among the defenders, infantry and Home Guards manned inland defence ports, bridges and public buildings, ready to provide the invaders with another hot reception. — Reuter.

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## GENERAL SIR HUBERT GOUGH'S COMMAND

A full general becomes a colonel in the Home Guard in the first list of appointments to that body issued by the War Office yesterday.

He is General Sir Hubert Gough, who becomes a zone commander, a position he resigned last year because he was above the age limit—he is 71.—Reuter.

## U.S. ARMS FACTORY EXPLOSION

An explosion yesterday at a dynamite factory at Kenil (New Jersey) of the Hercules Powder Factory rocked the country for miles around.

Despite the violence of the explosion, which occurred in a refuse dump, nobody was injured and no damage done. About 50 were killed and 200 injured by a series of explosions that wrecked part of this factory on September 12 last.—Reuter.

## U-BOAT BASE BOMBED

COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTACKED THE SUBMARINE BASE AT LORIENT, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Many heavy bombs were seen to burst on the locks and one very large fire was started. No British aircraft are missing from these operations but one British fighter is missing from patrol on Wednesday.—Reuter.

## FAVOURER FRIENDS

CHEERS GREETED A MINISTERIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT THE UTMOST LIBERAL POLICY WOULD HENCEFORTH BE FOLLOWED IN GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM ALLIED RESTRICTIONS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said it would not do to assume that every American citizen can be treated as if he were a British subject but all Chief Constables will administer the regulations sympathetically in the case of Americans unless there is reason to the contrary.—Reuter.

## ASSAM WARNED TO BE PREPARED

THE NEED FOR BEING PREPARED FOR ANY CONTINGENCY WAS EMPHASISED YESTERDAY AT SHILLONG BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM, WHO WARNED THE PEOPLE THAT AIR ATTACKS MAY COME WITHOUT WARNING.

He added that flying from the nearest aerodrome, occupied by the Japanese, to Shillong was only a few hundred miles.

Whether danger was imminent or not he could not say but they should be prepared.—Reuter.

## PROGRESS IN FRANCO-THAILAND NEGOTIATIONS

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN the French and Thai delegates at Tokyo for a new convention re-adjusting the Franco-Thai borders on the basis of the mediation agreement signed in the Japanese capital on March 11, are progressing smoothly, the Bangkok newspaper "Prajimitra" reported yesterday, according to a Japanese source.

While only details are being worked out, the report said it was understood that navigation questions are being discussed.

Preparations are now under way to accord a triumphal welcome to the Thai delegates, who are expected to return from Tokyo sometime between April 2 and April 5, with Bangkok being decorated in most elaborate fashion.

It was understood that Thailand's soldiers who fought on the frontiers will also receive a welcome as soon as they carry out the provisions of the expected new Franco-Thai convention to be signed on April 1, according to reports circulated in Bangkok.—Reuter.

## DACCA COMMUNAL DISTURBANCES

Latest casualties in the communal disturbances at Dacca are 16 killed and 93 wounded.

The police fired again on Wednesday night, killing four and wounding two.

There have been several cases of incendiarism, including four boats on the river.—Reuter.

## MAORI GREETING TO U.S. NAVY

"Ace ace kia kasha," Maori words meaning "for ever, for ever we shall fight on," was the message which the United States naval squadron which has been visiting Auckland took with it when it sailed yesterday.

During the ships' visit a large banner bearing these words hung over the main street of Auckland and yesterday Sir Ernest Davis, Mayor of Auckland, gave it as a parting gift to Capt. Stone, commanding the squadron.

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# B.B.C. BAN ON PINK TINTED MUSICIANS LIFTED

IN TYPICALLY CHURCHILLIAN MANNER THE PRIME MINISTER HAS PERSONALLY INTERVENED TO SETTLE A DISPUTE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER WHICH RECENTLY WAS CONDUCTED WITH ASPERITY, ESPECIALLY BY POLITICAL PURISTS OF THE LEFT WING.

Sore point was the action of the B.B.C. in banning a number of artistes who attended a recent conference styled the "People's Convention," attended by a large number of Communists.

Ground for the action was that the public would resent the inclusion of artistes who attend a gathering at which allegedly some subversive speeches were made.

As a result of the outcry, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, recently induced the B.B.C. to modify the ban, and yesterday Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, announced that the ban had been removed.

Among a long reply to questions were the following: "The connection between musical and dramatic performances and political acts and opinions is not apparent."

"Anything in the nature of persecution, victimisation and man-hunting is obnoxious to the British people."

**Protection Of Music**

With a twinkle in his eye the Premier said we should have to retain a certain amount of power in the protection of music.

A very spirited rendering of "Deutschland Uber Alles" would hardly be allowed. (Laughter).

"On the other hand, I see no reason to suppose that the holding of pacifist views would make a musician play flat." (Laughter). —Reuter.

**MORE JAPANESE LEAVE SINGAPORE**

The N.Y.K. liner "Haruna Maru" sailed from Singapore for Japan at noon yesterday carrying the last group of Japanese women and children evacuating Singapore in view of the mounting tension in the Far East, states a Japanese report.

Count Michimasa Soewima and seven members of the Afghanistan mission to Japan were also on board. —Reuter.

**DUTCH FREIGHTER SUNK**

The Navy Department of the Netherlands East Indies reported last night that the Dutch freighter "Simuloe" (6,500 tons) must be considered lost after an air attack in the Atlantic at the beginning of March.

It is believed that, of the crew of 71, only two Chinese firemen are missing. —Reuter.

**WORLD BROADCAST BY PRESIDENT**

A speech President Roosevelt is to make at a dinner in Washington on Jackson Day, March 29, attended by leaders of the Democratic Party, is to be broadcast all over the world. — Reuter.

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## SENATE PASSES TWO-OCEAN NAVY BILL

The U.S. Senate yesterday approved the £862,000,000 Bill to help finance America's two-ocean navy.

It provides for the construction of six new type battleships. —Reuter.

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WOMEN HOLD THE FLOOR OF THE COMMONS

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday had an "all-woman" day, when seven out of ten of the women members joined forces for the first time to present the case of the women of Britain to the Government — and did so with feminine forcefulness.

The debate was on the organisation of women power and the theme of most of the speeches was that women are anxious to take up war work but were prevented by rules and regulations which discouraged them.

Much good humour enlivened the proceedings.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Mr. R. Assheton, admitted that if Government failed to attract as many women as were needed it could only be because it approached them in the wrong way.

If compulsory powers had to be used it would be in an almost negligible number of cases.

Only three men participated in the debate, and at its conclusion Sir John Anderson, winding up, apologised as a man for his intervention on the ground that "fools rush in where angels have ceased to tread." — Reuter.

Selective Treatment

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour told the Commons the object was to survey carefully the available supply of women and find out how they were at present occupied and what each of them could best do to help the country.

Above all what was wanted with women was selective treatment, not mass treatment.

By far the most important aim of registration was to put to work those women who might be losing work through the closing down of unessential industries and those at present unoccupied and not taking a full share in the war effort.

He doubted if any Government department had ever taken on a more formidable task but he did not believe that in any but a very small number of cases would Government have to use its compulsory powers.

Women wanted to share in the work of winning the war, as so many had done so gallantly since the very beginning. The women of Britain had shown the most wonderful courage and endurance and were now being called upon for further help.

No Glamour

Much of the work would be hard and full of drudgery and difficulty. There would be little glamour about it except the knowledge they were serving the country in its hour of need.

Several women M.P.s took part in the debate which followed, and the point was emphasised that women who had longed to play their part in the earlier stage of the war had been disheartened by premature appeals to come forward when jobs were not ready for them to fill.

Miss Ward said that women members of whatever party were determined to support Government in any action it might think necessary in connection with the organisation of women in efforts to achieve victory at the earliest possible moment. — British Wireless.

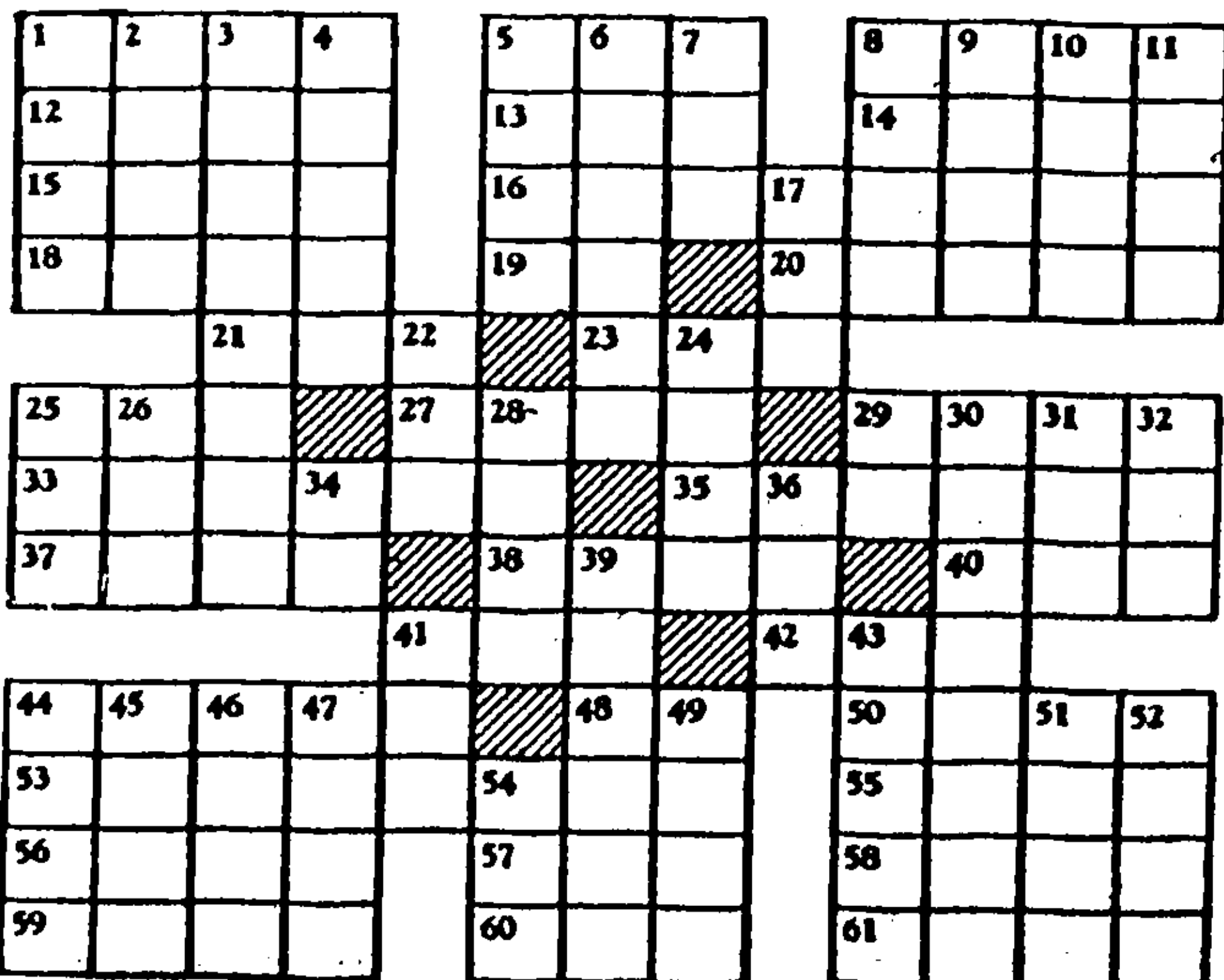
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- Colleague
- Poker stake
- Toward
- Badgerlike animal
- Unit of work
- Negative vote
- Possessive pronoun
- Part of a church
- Plane surface
- Clergyman
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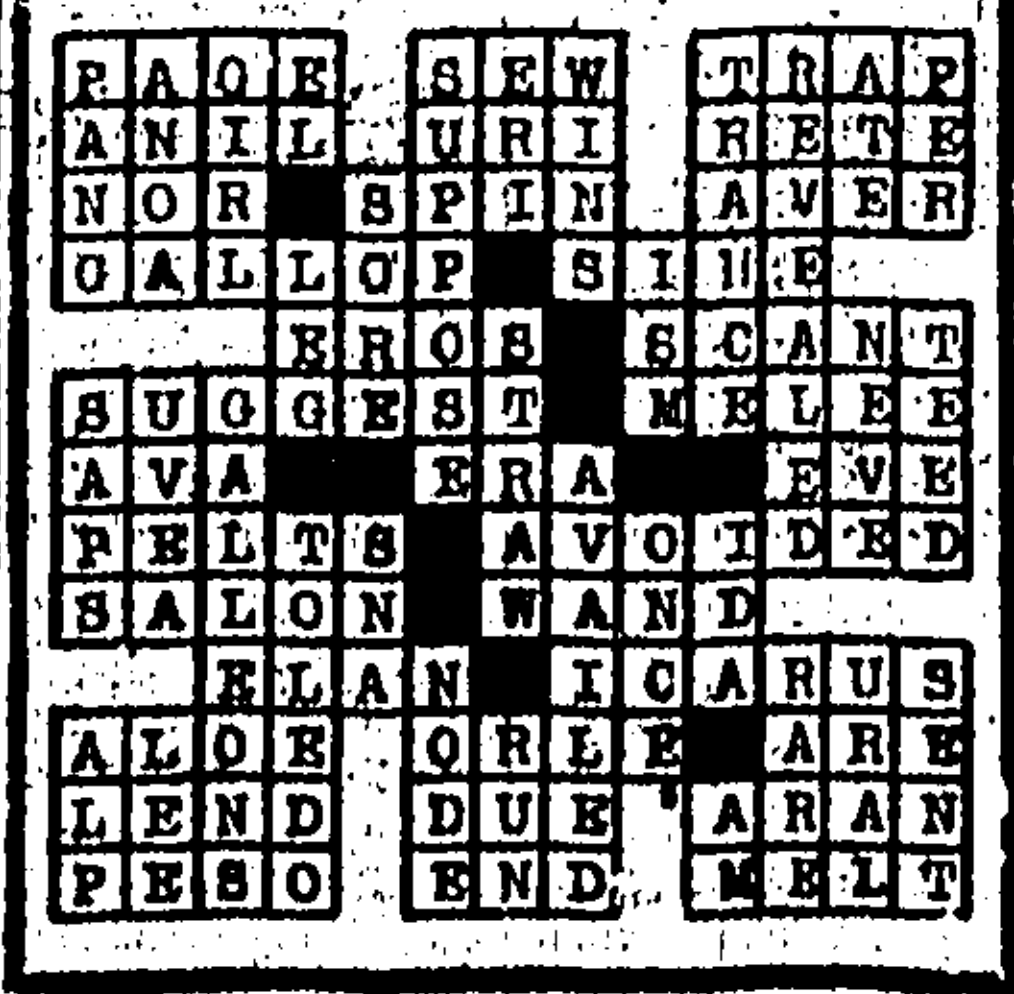
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- Compound ether
- Ancient Scottish race
- Eating implements

7 Electrified particle

- Italian coin
- The dill
- Withered
- To follow
- To cook with lard
- Fuel
- Norse galley
- Goddess of the harvest
- Swiss canton
- Egypt, myth. divinity
- Land measure
- Argued
- To consume
- Chalice
- Printer's measure
- Article
- Rumour
- To put
- Furlong
- South-African Dutch
- Girl's name
- To aid
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# BRITISH SUBMARINES SINK TROOPSHIPS

A FURTHER SUCCESS has been reported by British submarines operating against Italy's sea communications with the Italian army overseas, says an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

The submarine *Utmost* (Lt.-Comdr. R. D. Cayley) carried out a successful attack on an escorted convoy of two deeply laden Italian transports of about 6,000 and 4,000 tons crowded with troops.

## SHIP'S MASTER FINED

The master of a British steamer, Captain Robert Arthur Pritchard, appeared this morning at the Marine Court before Commander T. C. Stiff charged with allowing his ship to enter a prohibited area, Tathong Channel, while the port was closed and the signal hoisted at Cape d'Aguiar.

Lieut. D. S. Pethick, prosecuting, said that on March 13, he examined the ship inside the boom North-West of Cape Collinson. A signal was then received to inquire from the master why he entered the port when it was closed.

Captain Pritchard then said he could not see the signal.

Signalman George Parkins said the port was closed from 5.15 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. owing to the state of the weather. At 9 a.m. he saw the steamer two miles from Cape d'Aguiar, proceeding in the direction of the controlled area.

Captain Pritchard said that before arriving in the vicinity of Cape d'Aguiar the weather was foggy and he came in at a very slow speed. When visibility improved, he and two other officers looked through their binoculars and could not see any signal hoisted.

Joseph Charles Gardner, wireless operator, said that looking through his glasses between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. he could not see any port signal.

Lieut. Pethick stated that a Dutch steamer had passed that morning at 9.22 a.m. and had complied with the regulations.

Commander Stiff remarked that he had no alternative but to fine defendant \$40.

## THEATRE BURGLARY

BEFORE MR. H. C. MACNAMARA, AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, AU PANG, 20, WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR FOR BURGLARY.

Accused, formerly employed as an attendant in the Majestic Theatre, broke into the attendants' quarters on Wednesday night, and stole clothing and money to the value of \$76, several cinema complimentary tickets, and a bank book, the property of Wong Chow.

The following day, accused went to the bank and was arrested while attempting to draw some money.

## POLICE RECRUIT ACCUSED

A Police recruit, Chan Kan, 24, in training at the Police Training School, was charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, with stealing \$1.98, belonging to a fellow recruit, Wong Kai.

Accused, represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, was remanded for 24 hours on \$100 bail.

The explosions of the torpedoes were followed by a very violent explosion and it is considered certain that at least one transport was completely destroyed.

The submarine *Triumph* (Lt.-Comdr. W. J. Woods) has sunk two deeply laden Italian supply ships, each of about 2,500 tons.

The submarine *Unique* (Lt.-Comdr. A. F. Collett) torpedoed a fully-laden Italian supply ship of about 3,000 tons, which was proceeding in an escorted convoy.

This supply ship was almost certainly sunk. — Reuter.

## BATTLE WITH FIRE RAIDS

Thousands of lives and millions of pounds worth of national assets vital to the war effort have been saved by the fire watchers' scheme.

This is stated by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, in a foreword to a new memorandum on the fire prevention order issued by the Ministry of Home Security yesterday.

The memorandum followed consultations with the British Employers' Federation and the Trades Union Congress, which are stated to have cleared up certain misunderstandings which interfered with the effectiveness of the order. — Reuter.

## PRISONER IN HER NIGHTIE

A pretty bride-to-be, whose ship was sunk by a German raider in the South Pacific, said in Honolulu that she spent a month as a prisoner at sea clad only in a nightgown.

She is Miss Black, of New Zealand, who was going to British Guiana to marry an Englishman.

She was a passenger in the liner *Rapitane*.

### Locked In Hold

"The raider struck at night while I was in bed," said Miss Black. "I rushed to the deck in my nightgown. The Germans insisted upon up transferring to their ship."

"I had no time to fling anything over my nightgown."

"Aboard the raider we were locked in the hold for a few days and given bread smeared with fat. Later we got bad sausage and mouldy bread."

"Some German officers, sorry for us, helped us to make rope sandals for our bare feet. Most of us were in night clothes and had no shoes."

### BURGLAR GAOLED

A fine of \$50 or two months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning, on Lam Pui, 30, coolie, for burglary at Whitfield Barracks.

## COURT'S REBUKE

The following statement was made by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the close of the Criminal Sessions to-day:—

"Before I adjourn the sessions generally, this being the last case, I want to say a word about a press comment which I have in my hands relating to the case of Lo Kung-yu, who was charged in this court with murder and who was represented by Mr. Harold Lee as Counsel, who entered a plea of 'Unfit to plead.' Ultimately, a jury having been empanelled to try the special issue, found the plea to be a good one."

"The 'China Mail' of February 19, published what purported to be an account of the trial and what is in point of fact, a reasonably accurate account of the trial, under the large caption, 'Guilty but Insane Verdict,' and later refers to Mr. Lee's plea as a special defence."

"I need hardly say that there was not a word of truth in the allegation that there was a special defence when there was no defence and certainly no verdict of guilty."

"The account, as it appears, is a travesty which makes grave allegations against a man whose innocence is still established inasmuch as his guilt has never been established."

"In the next issue of the paper a correction was made. That is what I have learned to expect from the local press here."

"I mention this and express the earnest hope that those who are responsible for reports and the publication of news of judicial trials of this court will be at particular pains to see that the accounts are as accurate as possible and to avoid, above all, making grave allegations regarding innocent people."

"The 'China Mail' deeply regrets the serious inaccuracy, which we sought to rectify at the earliest opportunity by publication of a correction on our own initiative as soon as we had, ourselves, discovered the error. In making the correction yesterday we explained that, 'In fact, the case did not proceed to trial, the jury, on the medical evidence and on the Chief Justice's summing-up, finding that the accused was unfit to plead.'"

## DEAD, WON SCOUT V.C.

A thirteen-year-old Boy Scout, who died after being rescued from his bombed home, has been awarded the Bronze Cross — the Scout movement's highest order.

He was Ronald Eke, of the 1st Ardleigh Green (Hornchurch) Group, whose parents were killed outright.

### Fortitude

"While he was being rescued he gave the A.R.P. squad information about his own family and others in damaged houses."

He sent the squad to rescue them.

He maintained the same fortitude in hospital.

One of his rescuers called him a "great Scout."

### \$2,940 HEROIN FINE

For keeping a heroin divan at No. 72, Wadding Street on March 13, and for possession of 8418 heroin pills and 14 heroin pipes, Ah Chung, 28, was fined \$2,940, or one year's hard labour, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.


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## LAND OF MISERY

Of all the countries brought under the domination of Nazism by tank and bomb, the conquered land that was Poland is in the saddest plight. After the conquest it was divided into three sectors. Germany kept for herself the industrial west, which was valuable, and annexed it to the Reich. Soviet Russia was permitted to take over the eastern provinces. The central territory became the Polish Gouvernement Generale, a sort of No Man's Land, German dominated, into which could be herded all the "undesirables" the Reich did not want. Its ultimate destiny was set forth as the farm and sweatshop of the conqueror.

An all but impenetrable wall of restrictions surrounds the Gouvernement Generale; communication with those within is next to impossible. But the perfect censorship has yet to be devised.

News does leak out of the area, people do occasionally escape from it, and from what is known of the conditions therein it is certain that within its boundaries Nazi oppression attains its full bloom.

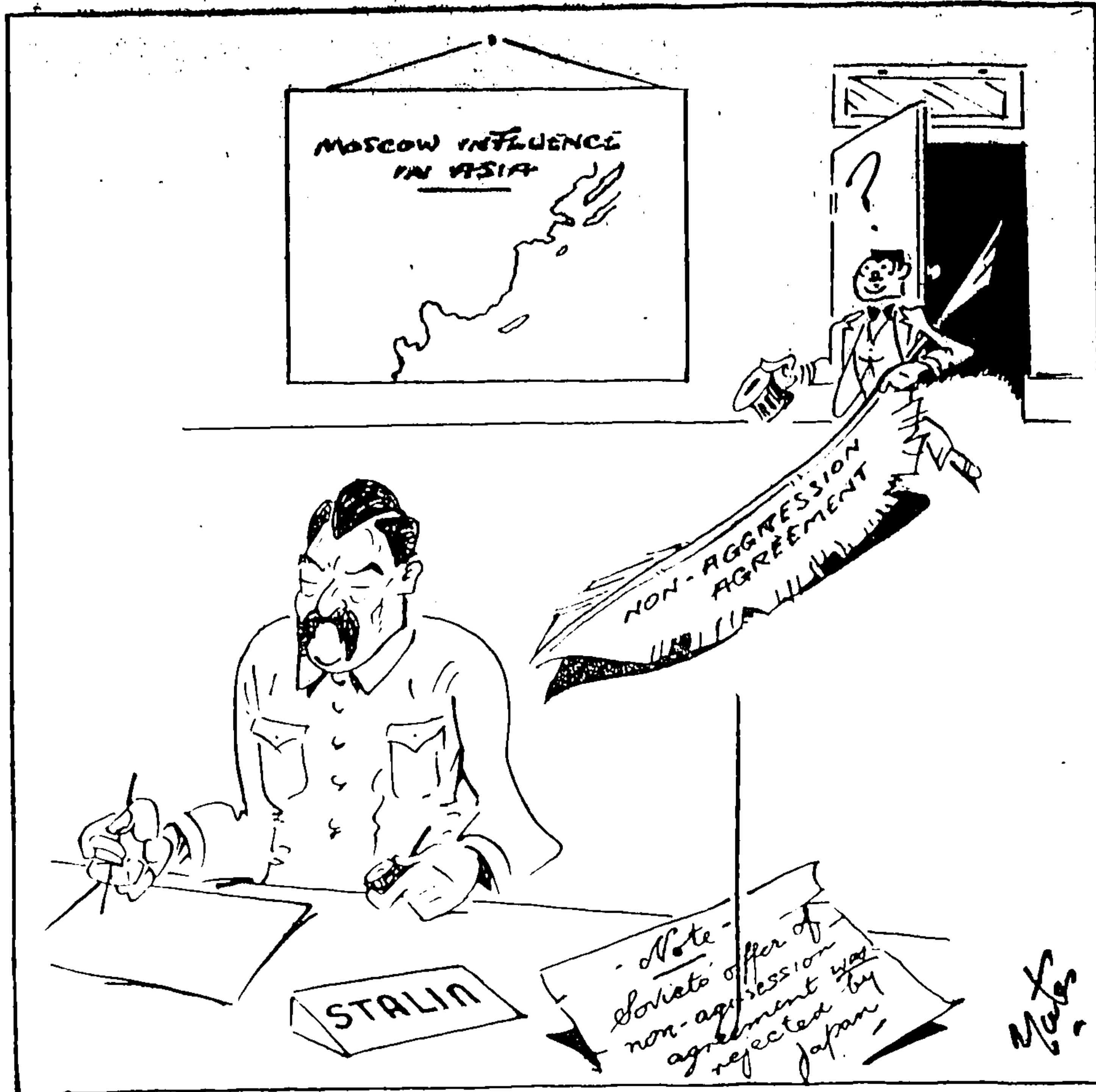
The cities are overcrowded and in deepest misery. Barbed wire fences or concrete walls enclose the least desirable sections to form the ghettos within which Jews are permitted to live.

Conditions inside the walls are indescribably wretched. Disease is kept down only by the unceasing efforts of the Jewish physicians who must live there and to whom the Germans, from instincts of self-preservation, allow a limited amount of medical supplies. Conditions in the country-side rival the hardships in the towns.

Newcomers by the thousand, once prosperous traders or professional men, are brought in by freight car and turned out to shift for themselves as best they can.

In the Soviet provinces matters are no better. Yet there is an endless and aimless migration of mis-erables from the Soviet hell to the Nazi Hades and from the Gouvernement Generale to Nazidom, as rumour falsely spreads a hope that life may be less arduous elsewhere.

In Poland the operations of the "new order" are untrammelled, for all opposition has been pitilessly crushed and the closed frontier keeps the world from looking in.



ELEPHANTS HAVE LONG MEMORIES

# Nazis Cannot Win

By  
Vernon Bartlett

I shall not soon forget the last day of last year, for I spent a good deal of it among the ruins in the City of London. It would be foolish to deny the extent of the damage done by the German incendiary bombs.

Especially near St. Paul's Cathedral there are acres where no wall is in sufficiently good repair to remain when these devastated areas are rebuilt. The little narrow lanes of old London were notorious—picturesque, but incredibly impractical—and I have no doubt that the speeding up of traffic that will result when the streets are widened and rebuilt will ultimately be of benefit to the nation.

We shall have something to thank Hitler for amongst the many reasons for reviling him. But these blackened ruins still smouldering sulkily are a terrible sight. And a terrible condemnation.

I will not pretend that we valued the ancient churches and other buildings as we should have done, for no people ever treasures its artistic possessions at their real value.

But our sorrow at their disappearance is sincere even though we took them for granted.

Some of the churches that have been destroyed come into our nursery rhymes and their towers or spires are as familiar to every Londoner as his own doorstep.

And since the war began many of us have become more aware of their beauty for we have spent so much time on the roofs of high buildings watching the sky-line for approaching enemy bombers. The destruction of December 29 was such a blatant act of vandalism that it has aroused more anger than many raids in which the loss of life has been heavy but where the presence of military objectives made them a little less criminal.

And although I spent hours on the night of December 29 watching these fires, the largest and most terrible I had ever seen, their very senselessness strengthened my conviction of our coming victory.

From the smouldering ruins one can look out with confidence towards a brighter horizon. Why? Because we have survived two periods of gravest crisis during the past year and have not been broken by them.

While the whole night sky of London was lit by flames as never since the great fire of nearly three hundred years ago, President Roosevelt was telling his people how convinced he was of our victory.

And yet twice during the last year anybody could have been ex-

cused if he decided our defeat was inevitable.

One is apt to forget how much we depended in all our military plans on the French army. That it should have gone out of the war just at the same time as we lost the guns and supplies of our own expeditionary force was a disaster the magnitude of which

we are only realising now that we have recovered from it. We had no right to expect that within six months of it we should take the offensive so successfully against Italy. That we have been able to do so naturally gives us courage.

The second occasion when the pessimists abroad decided we were lost was in September, when Hitler began his mass bombing raids. We had awaited these air attacks uneasily since the beginning of the war; and they had all the terrors of the unknown. We do not pretend to like them, but we are now confident that they cannot bring about our defeat, even should they be supplemented by invasion and the use of poison gas.

For the people have been weighed in the balance, and have not been found wanting.

Hitler has achieved very great successes in 1940, although not so great as he promised his Nazis a year ago. Half a dozen states have become his slaves. But we have now the heartening proof that the Axis powers are not infallible. They have made two crowning military blunders in six months. Hitler might have succeeded had he invaded us immediately after the collapse of France, when our troops were unarmed and our nation benumbed by the fall of its ally.

Mussolini might have reached the Suez Canal had he ordered Graziani to push forward, whatever the cost, at that same period, since we were suddenly so terribly outnumbered in Northern Africa and could spare so little in the way of reinforcements.

We have now to face a blockade, and it will not be pleasant. German submarines can operate from the coast of France and we cannot operate from the coast of Ireland. The cooperation between the

submarine and the aeroplane add to our difficulties.

This spring will be a very cruel one, but our courage will be maintained by the reflection that Germany now cannot win.

Supplies from the United States still lag behind the goodwill of that country, and we have had bitter lessons here to teach us how long it takes to develop a war time economy. But President Roosevelt is a "non-belligerent" and not a neutral, and the resources of the New World are inexhaustible. So, too, must our courage be.

In difficult moments ahead I shall remember a sight of indescribable beauty during London's fires. I was in Ludgate Circus looking up the hill towards St. Paul's. Most of the time smoke from a near-by fire entirely concealed the Cathedral but occasionally it was blown aside for a moment, and behind the black clouds one saw the great dome, lit up by another fire, with the golden cross at the top of it shining as though it were in blazing sunshine. And in front of this magnificent background, railroad trucks still moved across the bridge over the road, carrying on as usual despite the surrounding chaos and terror. No picture could better have symbolised our struggle.

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forcements which have since been added. The balance of naval power would not be affected by the completion of the new German warships. A certain proportion of the French fleet is manned by adherents of General de Gaulle and is cooperating with the British Navy, and these include the old battleship *Courbet* which was completely reconstructed and re-boilered in 1929. Even if Germany obtained the use of the French warships which adhere to the Vichy Government, Britain would still have sufficient margin to maintain effective control of the sea routes.

To meet this situation, the German High Command is attempting to counter the British blockade by sinking merchant ships with submarines, long range aircraft, surface raiders and by the laying of minefields, usually from aircraft at night. This counter-blockade is aided by the use of French ports, notably Brest and Lorient, giving access direct to the Atlantic and also by making use of the considerable Italian flotilla of submarines. The sinkings of merchant ships have reached a serious level and it has taken time for the British counter-measures to be brought into play.

# The Naval Situation

The basic fact of the naval situation is that the maritime lines of communication all over the world are controlled by the British Fleet. The only exception is the Baltic Sea. There, owing to the seizure of Denmark, the entrances are effectively controlled by Germany. This control does not extend to within the range of enemy shore batteries, so that the eastern entrance to the English Channel by the Straits of Dover is in dispute. Everywhere else,

By  
Lord Strabolgi

the control is effective; and this despite the two major events since the present war broke out — the capitulation of France and the intervention of Italy.

Effective control does not mean that occasional blockade runners cannot enter enemy controlled ports nor that surface raiders, usually disguised, such as the vessel recently engaged by the armed merchant cruiser *Carnarvon Castle*, cannot escape on to the trade routes usually by way of the Norwegian coast which is itself held by the Germans. Furthermore, submarines owing to their facilities for evasion, can operate against British merchant shipping as they did right through the last war. What it does mean is that, apart from a certain percentage of loss through enemy action, British merchant shipping can sail the seas and carry on an export and import trade and troops and their equipment can be moved freely to any theatre of war in British convoys.

It would not be practicable, for example, for the Germans to send an army by sea anywhere except in the Baltic. The invasion of the British Isles, if ever attempted, would be hazardous and indeed would only be possible at all if such air ascendancy could be obtained by the Germans over the English Channel or the North Sea that the British warships could be driven away for a long enough period for the invading troops and their equipment to be landed and for their lines of communication to be kept open for further supplies. In the Mediterranean the Italian Fleet has been so reduced by the air attacks on Taranto and the naval action off Sardinia that their armies in Libya could not be aided. While the battle of Cyrenaica was being fought, British warships were able to support the advancing army and bombard the Italian positions and coastal road without interference from the Italian Navy.

The defence of Egypt and the counter-attack on the invading force were made possible because convoys of troopships and supply ships could be taken through the Mediterranean to Alexandria under the cover of British naval forces.

It is true that although much of the equipment and stores were sent to Egypt round the Cape of Good Hope for convenience, at any time a large convoy can be sent from one end of the Mediterranean to the other facing only the usual hazards of war.

In the same way the British are now garrisoning Crete, and have stationed naval and aerial forces in that island, thus preventing any Italian naval action in the Aegean to aid their campaign against the Greeks and blockading the Dodecanese Islands. The often debated problem as to whether air power could counter-balance British naval power in the Mediterranean would appear to be solved. Similarly the Italian garrisons in Abyssinia and East Africa can neither be reinforced nor supplied by sea and are therefore living on their accumulated stores.

German naval losses since the outbreak of war, and especially the Norwegian campaign, have been so heavy that only two large warships of the original German Fleet survive. These are the battle-cruiser *Scharnhorst* and the *Lutzow* "pocket-battleship", formerly the *Deutschland*. One heavy cruiser of the *Hipper* class and, at the most, four light cruisers survive. One heavy cruiser, the *Prinz Eugen*, may be ready next year and two new battleships, the *Bismarck* and *Tirpitz*, will be completed soon. The line of battle of the British Navy consists of 14 dreadnoughts out of the 15 at the beginning of the war and certain important reinforcements to be brought into play.

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# ITALIAN TANK ATTACK BROKEN UP

THE FAILURE OF ANOTHER ITALIAN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE GREEK LINE IN THE CENTRAL ALBANIAN FRONT WAS RELATED IN A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY STATEMENT BROADCAST BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The assault, which took the form of a tank attack, is described as of as great an intensity as those of last week, though it was local and of limited scope.

The tanks were intended to open a way for the Italian infantry but the Greek forces stood up to this mechanised assault with the same cool determination as that which characterised their victorious resistance to the violent attacks last week, says the statement.

Greek anti-tank batteries opened an intense rapid fire.

After the first few rounds one tank received a direct hit which broke its chain and caused it to overturn.

A few seconds later a second tank was shattered by another direct hit and a third tank soon shared the same fate.

## Infantry Exposed

Thereupon the remaining tanks turned and retreated at full speed, leaving a mass of Italian infantry exposed to a sea of concentrated fire from Greek artillery and the crossfire of Greek machine-guns.

The Italian troops bravely advanced in waves but were mown down in masses and the field was strewn with dead, the enemy's losses being terrific.—Reuter.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

Charged with possession of a toy pistol and two knives for an unlawful purpose, Chan Kam-hoi, 35, Cheung Ping, 38, and Chau Fuk-sang, 28, were sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

# KING'S VISIT TO AMERICAN DESTROYER

The King was piped aboard one of the American destroyers taken over by Britain when he visited Devonport dockyard yesterday.

It was the first time the King had been aboard one of these warships and, as an old naval officer, he was very interested in her equipment and armament.

This destroyer is manned entirely by Canadians.

The King inspected the ship's company drawn up on deck and later he was received aboard the flotilla leader by the captain and inspected officers and ratings who a few hours before had been at action stations ready to engage any enemy ship.

On the quayside the King decorated a Polish naval officer, Captain Hulewicz, with the D.S.O. amid the cheers of British, Free French and Polish officers and ratings.

Meanwhile the Queen chatted with wounded officers and sailors at the Naval Hospital. Escorted by Lady Astor, deputising for her husband, the Lord Mayor, who is ill with influenza, the King and Queen toured the bombed areas of Plymouth.—Reuter.

# Stay Out Holds The Day

"If you were asked to vote on the question of the United States going to war or staying out, how would you vote?"

This, which is the latest question put by the Gallop Survey, revealed that 17 per cent of those asked favoured going to war, and 83 per cent favoured staying out.

The figures show a two per cent increase of those favouring going to war compared with the last similar Poll.

The South, with 20 per cent, showed the largest percentage favouring war, while the West, central and agricultural districts were the lowest with 14 per cent. —Reuter.

# DAWN OF VICTORY

"We can distinguish the dawn of victory," declared Queen Wilhelmina, broadcasting yesterday to the Dutch people.

Speaking of Dutchmen who had sacrificed their lives in the defence of freedom, Her Majesty said that thanks to them "the tree of our freedom will flower again."

"Already spiritual victory is theirs and ours, for the tyrant has not been able to conquer our love of liberty. Great times lie in front of us." —Reuter.

# DRUGGED, STRANGLER HER LOVER

A pretty, twenty-year-old wife who held an executive position at Harvard University killed her married lover "because," she said, "I couldn't have him, and I couldn't live without him."

The woman, Helen Steadman, wife of a business executive, asked her lover, Robert Emery, to call on her.

She shared with him a glass of milk in which she had put twenty-six crushed sleeping tablets. When he fell asleep she twisted a cord round his neck till he was strangled and then fell unconscious from the drug herself.

Helen left her husband last June, when she met Emery and fell in love with him at first sight. Both the woman and her dead lover were parents.

## FOKIS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Lui Kai-man, 28, and Lai Sau-choi, 26, shop-fokis were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with assaulting the assistant manager of the Lee Wah Transportation Company, Mr. Liu Ki-chun, at No. 9, Gilman Bazaar, first floor, yesterday.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ will appear for defendants, and Detective Sergeant J. MacDonald for the prosecution.

Hearing was fixed for March 28.

## FLOUR RATIONED IN BUDAPEST

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] A message from Budapest says that the Hungarian Government has introduced the rationing of flour in the capital and in twenty-five other big towns.

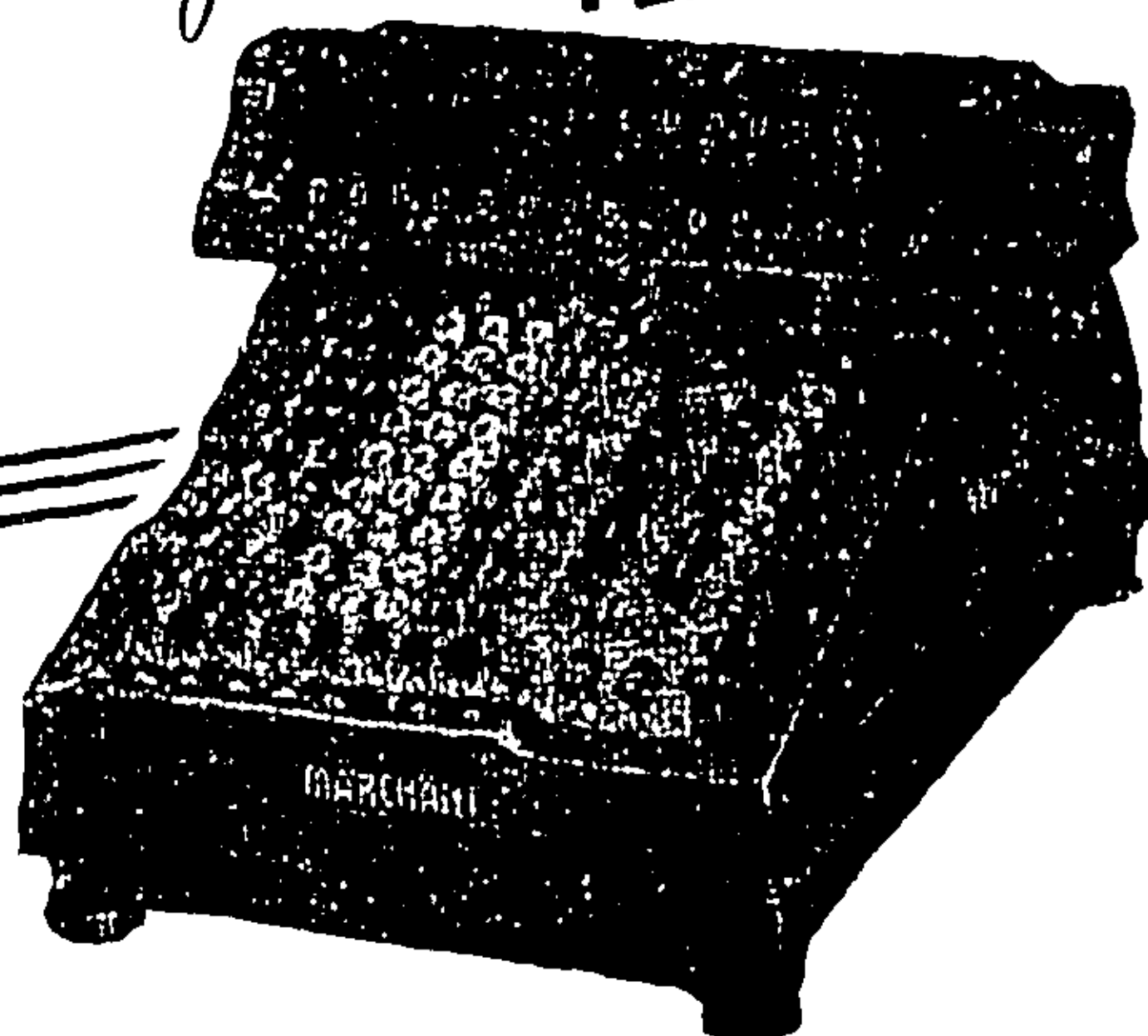
Henceforth, states the message, supplies of flour will be limited to 1/2 pound per week.—International News Service.

## TO-DAY'S WEDDING

The marriage took place at the Registry this morning of Mr. Kwan Bak-hing, merchant, and Miss Chan Suet-fong, of No. 55 Queen's Road West.

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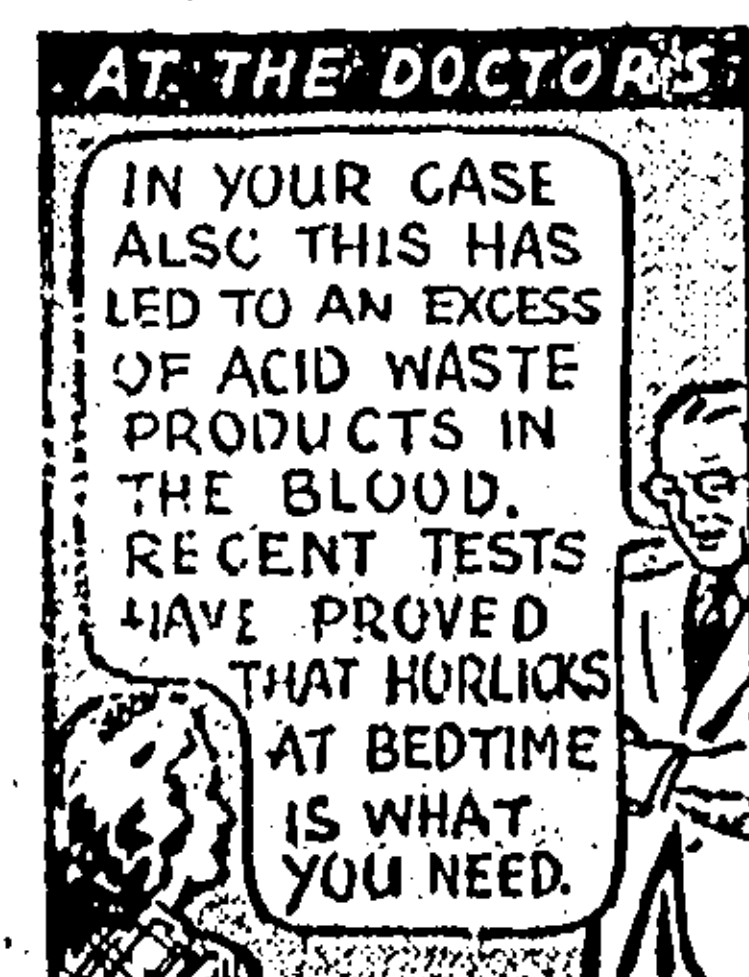
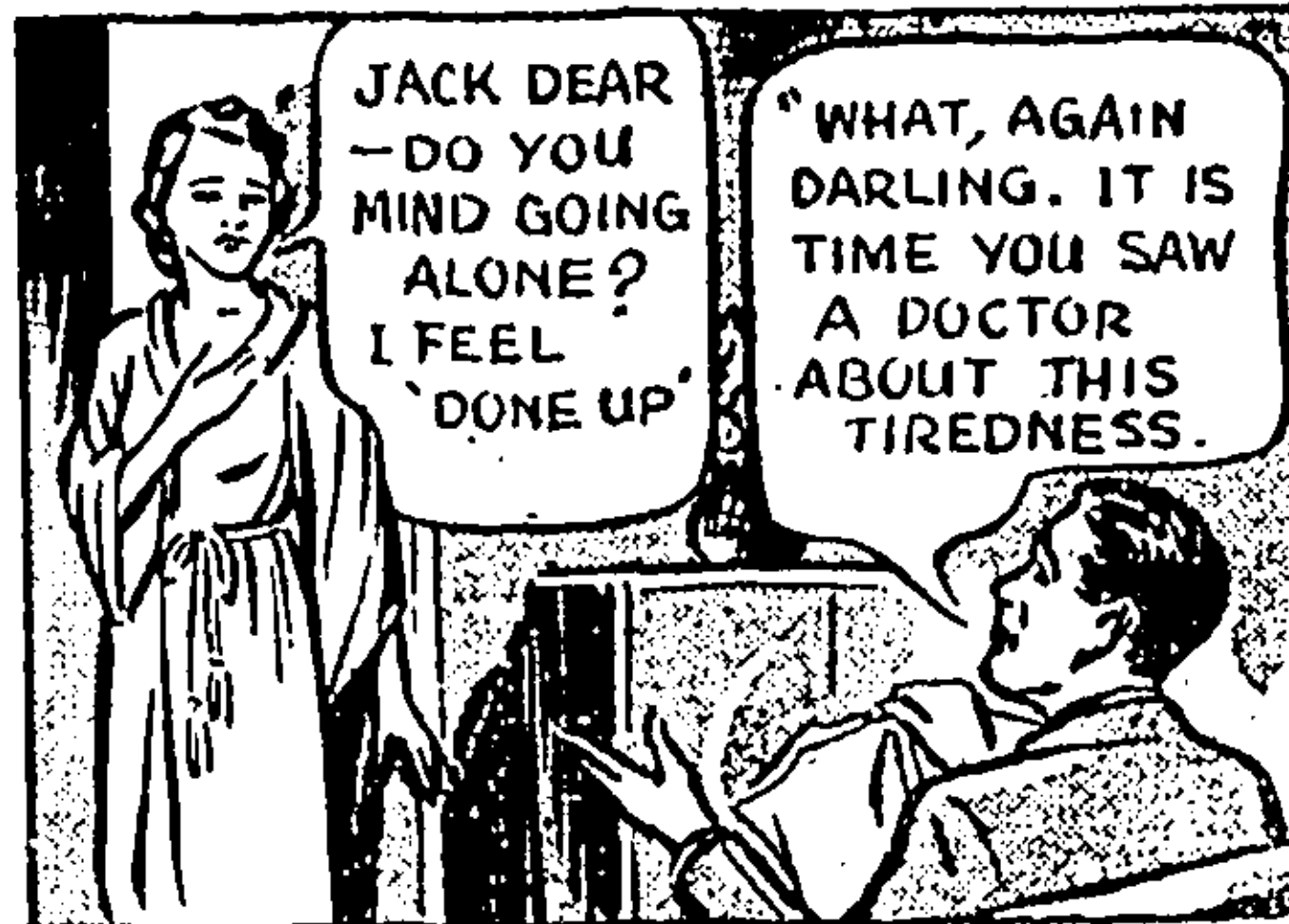
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# YAVELLO TAKEN BY BRITISH FORCES

YAVELLO, IN SOUTHERN Abyssinia, has been taken by British regular troops, according to yesterday's official communique from British General Headquarters in Cairo, which adds that operations are proceeding in the Neghelli area.

British patrols have contacted the enemy in difficult mountainous country surrounding Marda Pass, eight miles west of Jijiga, the capture of which, says the communique, was not difficult. Some prisoners were taken with the town.

## JAPAN'S PLIGHT

### Scarcity Of Good Whisky

Many Germans are receiving small parcels of tea, coffee, sugar and soap from friends or relatives in Thailand, and the fact that these parcels have to go via Japan, Siberia and Russia is regarded as indication of the shortage of these commodities in Germany.

The parcels are apparently described as "samples" and there is no limit to the number which can be addressed to any single recipient, provided the weight of each does not exceed one kilogram.

Whisky is the largest single item among foodstuffs and beverages sent by Japanese in Thailand as "gifts" to friends or relations at home.

These gifts go by sea and air mail and good whisky is now so scarce in Japan, it is stated, that it is considered well worth paying the costs involved, as well as the heavy import duties recipients in Japan must pay.—Reuter.

## NOT GUILTY VERDICT

Lo Hing, who was charged with the murder of Ho Sau-tsun, mistress of a rice shop in Wuhu Street on October 25 was found not guilty by the Jury this morning after a retirement of over an hour, and was discharged by the Chief Justice.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det.-Inspector A. E. Carey was for the prosecution. Mr. Lo Tung-tan, instructed by Mr. P. C. Woo, of Woo and Woo, appeared for the defence.

The Jury comprised Messrs. C. M. Sequeira (foreman), A. M. Tavares, M. Sabhan, Wong Kim-wah, S. S. Sousa, Ip Kau-ko and Lau Yau-cheung.

## TRICK CASE RESULT

The case against three Chinese, Chan Ming, 45, Chu Ming, 38, and Cheung Ki, 24, for stealing \$1,535 in money and jewellery by means of a trick, from Mrs. Chan Lai-king, of No. 12, Yick Yam Street, Wongneichung, was concluded at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. D. McCallum defended in the case, while Detective Sergeant V. Morrison prosecuted.

First accused was found not guilty and discharged by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., owing to lack of evidence. Second and third accused were sentenced to four months' hard labour.

"By the capture of this important centre, new routes have been opened up running east to Berbera and west to Direedawa, where the road meets through the railway from Djibouti."

Meanwhile the Italians are putting up a desperate resistance at Keren, though reports reaching Cairo indicate they lack adequate air support.

The position of the British forces in this area continues to develop favourably, stated the Cairo military spokesman last night.

### In Contact

In Abyssinia, he said, patriot forces are maintaining pressure on Debra-Marcos, which is half surrounded, while the Imperial forces who captured Jijiga are now in contact with the enemy half way to Harar.—Reuter.

## ALLIED ENVOYS IMPRESS

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, and Dr. van Kleffens, Dutch Foreign Minister, were given a tremendous reception when they attended a meeting of the National Press Club yesterday.

Lord Halifax spoke for half an hour and it is stated that his sincerity and his firmness towards the Axis created a good impression.

Dr. van Kleffens, who also spoke confidentially, described the Dutch Government in London as the nerve centre of resistance against German aggression, and stressed Government confidence in final victory.—Reuter.

## SLIGHTLY DELAYED!

HOW A BRITISH HEAVY BOMBER ON THE WAY TO BOMB COLOGNE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISPOSED OF A MESSERSCHMIDT FIGHTER, IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

The Messerschmidt came in three times to attack the bomber, whose fire hit the fighter and probably destroyed it.

After this encounter the bomber went on to bomb Cologne.—Reuter.

## LARGE SUM RAISED BY POLICE

Sir,—May I, through the courtesy of your correspondence column thank all those who helped, either by their attendance or otherwise, to make the the Hong Kong Police and Police Reserve Dance successful.

A sum of \$3,700 was raised and this amount has been divided equally between "The Lord Mayor's Fund for Relief of Air Raid Distress" and "The British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China."

C. G. PERDUE,  
Acting Commissioner of Police.

## 60,000-TON BATTLESHIPS FOR U.S.

The next United States battleships to be built under the two-ocean navy programme will be from 60,000 to 65,000 tons, and thus will be the world's largest battleships.

This was stated by naval experts in the House of Representatives yesterday.—Reuter.

## U.S. NAVY BEHIND BRITAIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

"The American Navy stands behind the British Empire," declared Rear-Admiral J. S. Newton in Sydney last night.

Rear-Admiral Newton, who commands the squadron of U.S. warships on a goodwill visit, made this statement at an official Government dinner.

He added: "There are many things I would like to say to you but cannot. We are behind you in your fight for Democracy." — International News Service.

## INDO-CHINA FLEET STRENGTHENED

A FURTHER ADDITION TO THE FRENCH ASIATIC FLEET LOOMED WITH A REPORT THAT THREE CRUISERS OF THE 7,600-TON CLASS AND ONE SUBMARINE HAVE ALREADY LEFT FRANCE EN ROUTE TO SAIGON, STATES A JAPANESE REPORT.

It is recalled that a French submarine arrived at Saigon on March 6 from France.

The three cruisers are reported to include the Gloire, Marsaille and Montcalm.—Reuter.

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### Notice To Shareholders

Certificates for 1941-Issue shares allotted on 24th January, 1941, to all persons who made proper application for such shares and who paid the first instalment of \$1 per share on or before 23rd January, 1941, are now ready for delivery.

No letters of allotment are being issued but the certificates may be obtained in exchange for Bankers' receipts upon personal or written application at the Head Office of the Company, St George's Building (2nd floor), Chater Road, Hong Kong.

By order of the Board of Directors,

NOEL BRAGA,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1941.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Issue of 600,000 new ordinary share of \$10 each.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1941.

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### Notice To Consumers

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

### WARNING

Business Houses are hereby warned that all payments in connection with the 1941 edition of The Hong Kong Dollar Directory should be made at the Offices of the publishers, through the post as by chit book.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



### PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4203	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2241 Larch Street, Tai Kok Tsui	N. 8. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 9,114 \$168	\$18,238

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,823 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 24th March, 1941 commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road Central, Second Floor.

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Hong Kong, 20th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Official Administrator, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Room No. 205.

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### Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

## THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

### Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

## HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. COOK,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### The Best Lead By The Four Aces

When a defender holds strength in each side-suit, he will often find it best to choose a trump for his opening lead. His strength indicates that the opponents have been bidding on distribution, and the trump lead will limit the number of ruffing tricks available to the Declarer. For example:

North, Dealer	Both sides vulnerable
♠ 8 7 6 2	♠ 3
♥ 7	♥ 9 8 6 4
♦ 9 8 7 5 4 2	♦ 2
♣ A 5	♣ A 10 6
♠ 9 5 4	♠ A K Q J 10
♥ A 10 3	♥ K Q J 5
♦ K Q J	♦ 3
♣ Q J 9 3	♣ 10 7 4

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the four of trumps for the reason already given, and it was a good thing for him that

he had done some thinking about the opening lead, for any other opening lead would have allowed South to make the contract. South won with the ten of spades and returned the Jack of hearts, hoping to "sneak" it through. But West stepped up with the heart Ace and returned the five of spades.

South cashed the heart King, discarding dummy's low club, and then led a club to dummy's Ace. But now there was no way to return to his own hand except by leading a diamond and hoping that East would win the first diamond trick. East was alive to the danger, however, so played a low diamond in order to allow his partner to win with the diamond Jack. And West promptly returned his last trump, leaving dummy with only one trump to be used for ruffing.

South had already lost a heart and a diamond and held three losing cards in hearts and clubs—with only one trump in dummy to take care of them. Two of those cards therefore had to be lost, and with them the contract. Had West failed to lead a trump at every opportunity, dummy would have been able to ruff twice, giving South his contract.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 9 8	♠ A K 10 4
♥ 7 3 2	♥ 6 4
♦ 6 4	♦ 3

#### The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
Pass	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid one club. The hand is not strong enough and not of the right type for an opening no-trump bid; and to open with one spade would give you serious rebid problems if partner's response were in either red suit.

Score 100% for one club, 20% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

### Question No. 670

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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MR. ALEXANDER ROGER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROGER MISSION, DISCLOSED IN A PRESS INTERVIEW IN BOMBAY YESTERDAY THAT THE MISSION HAS RECOMMENDED LARGE-SCALE FACTORY EXPANSION IN INDIA.

At present intended for war work, they will be equipped with modern machinery which will prove suitable for many kinds of peacetime work and will thus add materially to India's industrial capacity. —Reuter.

## H.K. HOTEL DIVIDEND

The Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited announce that subject to audit, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at the 31st December, 1940, including \$335,947.20 brought forward from the previous year, amounted to \$665,810.20, which the Directors, at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Wednesday, the 16th April, 1941, will recommend allocating as follows:—

A dividend of 25 cents per share \$298,466.75.  
 Retiring allowance to Mr. J. H. Taggart, O.B.E. \$50,000; Carry forward to 1941 Account \$317,343.45.

## QUIET SESSION ON STOCK MARKET

Late buying of leading industrial for investment purposes relieved an otherwise very quiet session of the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Courtaulds, Imperial Chemicals and Dunlops improved towards the close but other industrials were easier. Gilt-edged securities and home rails ruled quietly steady and there were a few changes in Kafirs. Oils moved irregularly. Wall Street was quiet. —Reuter.

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5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.  
 6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
 6.32 p.m.—The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).  
 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Newsletter by O. M. Green.  
 7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera.  
 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
 8.02 p.m.—Tchaikowsky — The Swan Lake — Ballet Music. Introduction. Dance of the Queen of the Swans — Dance of the Prince — Dance of the Queen of the Swans — Waltz — Dance of the Swans — Spanish Dance — Mazurka — Dance of the Cygnets — Finale.  
 London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Antal Dorati.  
 8.35 p.m.—A Piano and Violin Recital by Vladimir Horowitz and Yehudi Menuhin.  
 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.  
 9.30 p.m.—Request Variety Programme.  
 9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—'Correspondence Column' by Sidney Hornblow.  
 10.15 p.m.—Request Variety Programme continued.  
 11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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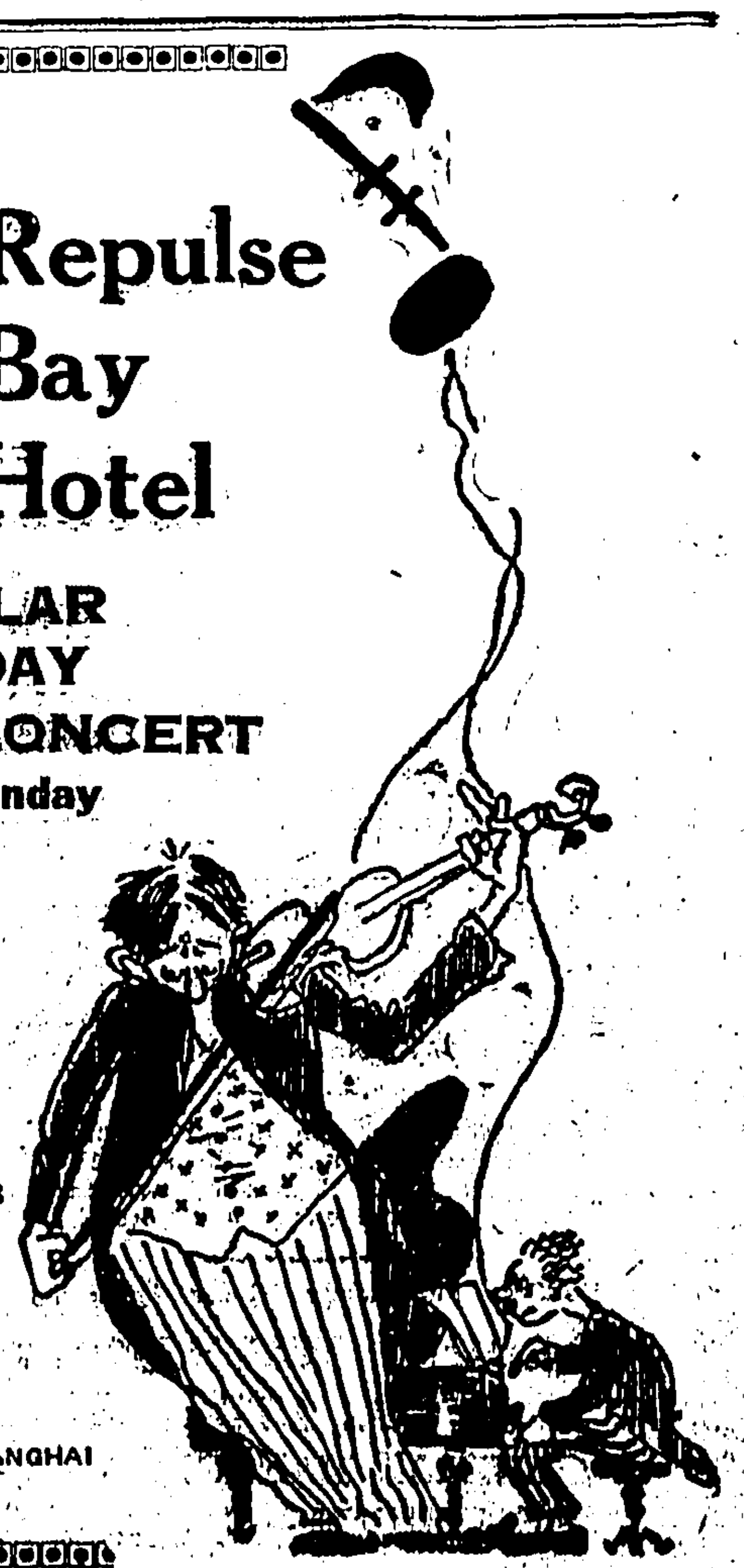
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## **TO-MORROW'S RUGBY FIFTEENS**

Following will represent A. F. Wallen's XV against L. Carter's XV in tomorrow's Rugby match at Causeway Bay, commencing at 4.30 p.m.: Fairclough (Army); Macdonald (Army); Coombes (Army); Charter (Club) and Richards (Army); Thomson (Club) and Dobbinson (Army); Walkden (Club); Sutherland (Army); Heasman (Club); Millar (Army); Cullinan (Police); Wright-Nooth (Police); Pinkerton (Army) and Macrae (Club).

At 3.15 p.m., on the same ground, Club and Police "A" will meet an Army "A" side. Club and Police will be represented by: Jackson (Police); Reynolds (Police); Stewart (Club); van Leeuwen (Club) and Bosanquet (Club); Morgan (Club) and Clemo (Club); Godfrey (Club); Dempsey (Police); D. H. Taylor (Police); Needham (Club); Olesen (Club); Gratton (Club); Burford (Club) and Lewis (Army).

## **GOLF STARTING TIMES**

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning SUNDAY

Old Course	New Course
9.16 a.m. G. T. Harrington, J. S. Lee	9.24 a.m. R. R. Davies, P. Morrison.
9.20 .. S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison	9.32 .. Miss Blackburn, Mrs. Prophet.
9.24 .. E. G. Price, J. C. Taylor	10.20 .. Lt. Col. Shackleton, Lt. Col. Macpherson.
9.28 .. T. Low, N. K. Littlejohn	10.32 .. Sir V. Grayburn, R. Hancock.
9.32 .. P. E. Annis, A. W. Bourne	10.36 .. H. S. Hills, G. Miskin.
9.36 .. F. A. Howard, P. M. Cotton	
9.40 .. I. H. Geare, T. Megarry	
9.44 .. J. W. Anderson, J. A. Parrish.	
9.48 .. A. C. Meredith, T. E. Pearce	
9.52 .. E. P. Streatfield, J. E. Jupp	
9.56 .. C. F. Marshall, G. W. Behrman.	
10.00 .. C. W. E. Bishop, W. Woodward.	
10.04 .. J. Harrop, J. Linaker.	
10.08 .. J. P. Sherry, A. Nicol.	
10.12 .. J. Stenersen, F. Groves.	
10.16 .. A. D. Humphreys, A. B. Purves.	
10.20 .. A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.	
10.24 .. A. McKellar, W. W. C. Shewan.	
10.28 .. R. Young, G. M. Park.	
10.32 .. J. A. D. Morrison, A. K. Mackenzie.	
10.36 .. H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.	
10.40 .. A. B. Stafford, J. Hackney.	
10.44 .. R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.	
10.48 .. G. G. Aitkenhead, D. S. Robb.	
10.52 .. J. G. Jensen, P. V. McLane.	
10.56 .. A. V. Greaves, G. T. Lowry.	
11.00 .. H. W. Belsley, W. G. Lawson.	
11.04 .. Captain Waller, D. H. Hamilton.	

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**TO-MORROW'S  
RUGBY**

The following will represent Lt. Carter's XV v A. N. Other XV to-morrow in a Rugby match at Causeway Bay, kick-off 4.30 p.m.:  
Thompson; McGill, Paul, Day and A. N. Other; Aitkenhead and Bowden; Bompas, Dunnett, Palmer, Kling, Stockham, Kennedy (Capt.), Lee and Flynn.

**CRICKET FIXTURES  
CANCELLED**

Owing to Volunteer and other duties, the Cricket Club is cancelling its remaining cricket fixtures—

**MEDICALS TROUNCE AIR FORCE**

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Army Medical Corps beat Air Force by 8 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

Scores were:—

R.A.F.	
Goodwin, run out	3
Gash, b Coombes	0
Richardson, c Pratt, b Wyre	12
Palling, b Wyre	1
Stimson, l.b.w., b Coombes	6
Mansfield, not out	7
Bartlett, c Coombes, b Wyre	1

tures—for to-morrow and next Saturday.

Hunt, c Pratt, b Wyre	0
Gillespie, c and b Wyre	1
Smith, b Wyre	2
Hawkins, b Wyre	0
Extras (B9)	9

Total

42

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Wyre	7.3	1	12
Coombes	7	1	21

R.A.M.C.

Webb, retired	26
Swyer, c Gash, b Hawkins	2
Coombes, b Gillespie	19
Doat Mohamed, b Smith	15
Musson, b Smith	2

Shorthouse, b Richardson	6
Pratt, st., b Goodwin	13
Bright, b Goodwin	4
Wyre, c and b Goodwin	14
Evans, not out	1
Extras (LB2)	2

Total (for 9 wickets.)

104

Parkin did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	5	0	27	2
Hawkins	5	0	24	1
Gillespie	3	0	25	1
Richardson	4	1	5	1
Goodwin	2.4	0	15	3
Palling	1	0	6	0

**MARATHON  
POSTPONED**

The twentieth Annual Kowloon Marathon Race, sponsored by St. Andrew's Church, which was scheduled to be held this afternoon, has been postponed until next Friday.

Entries have now been extended to next Tuesday and all those who have entered for the original date, are requested to reaffirm their intention of running on the revised date.

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# BAFFIN BAY LIKELY TO WIN MELBOURNE CUP

## But Strong Challenge Expected From Viceroy

### Black Seal And Venus Bay For The "Double"

"By Rapier"

KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT was felt among racing enthusiasts last Saturday when it was announced that the First Extra Race Meeting had again to be postponed. No rain fell throughout the day, but, with the sky overcast and in view of the sodden state of the track, the decision taken was a wise one.

The sun having made a most welcome re-appearance, the track should be firm to-morrow when the postponed meeting will be held, and I have no doubt that better racing will result under the circumstances.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and nine events are on the programme, the majority of which will be contested by the new ponies, both Australian and China, that have not won a race during the Annual Carnival. The outstanding event of the day will be the Melbourne Cup, over two miles, which has aroused considerable discussion. This race is open to Australian Ponies of any season, but winners of \$4,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1941 are barred. A thrilling finish is expected, with the result in doubt probably right up to the very end.

#### RANDWICK PLATE (FIRST SECTION) ONE MILE

The programme opens with a race for Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not scored a win since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting.

Jus Gentium (Mr. Black) is the obvious choice for a win here in view of its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, and I consider Vitamin M to be the only pony among the entries that may be able to offer a challenge. I have been given to understand, however, that Vitamin M will not be starting on account of an injury received during the Carnival, in which case Show White (Mr. Pih) should place second. For third place a good fight should be seen between Angel of Glory (Mr. Yuen) and Seal River (Mr. Hearne).

#### COITERERS STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

New Griffins that have not won a race will try conclusions here, and Charlesber, although disappointing badly on its last outing when it was beaten by Sam's Choice by a short head in the Nil Desperandum Stakes, should be strongly supported; I rather fancy its chances.

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei), which was third to Charlesber in the race referred to above, offers a threat as it can move pretty fast though lacking in stamina. However, if Mr. Wei is able to hold it back until the last quarter, it may spring a surprise.

Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Tao) should secure third place and, for

outsider, I suggest Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) as this pony has shown much improvement judging by its morning gallops.

#### RANDWICK PLATE (SECOND SECTION) ONE MILE

Second section of non-winning Australian subscription griffins of 1941 will figure in this race, and, judging by results, I expect the finish to resolve into a battle between the following—

Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao);  
Corsair (Mr. P. P. Botelho);  
Daylight (Mr. Wei);  
Sydney Diamond (Mr. Chang);  
and  
Lodestar (Mr. Davis).

Corsair came third in the Flemington Plate (First Section) over the mile, and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Bona Vacantia, which did extremely well in the first section of the Perth Plate, when it came in second to Moonlight.

Daylight, with a change of jockey in Mr. Wei, is expected to be near at the finish, while Sydney Diamond, which was a disappointment during the Carnival but has yet to show its true form, is a possible for a win to-morrow on account of the hard track envisaged.

Lodestar is running very well at the moment during morning gallops and should not be disregarded. Although it did not gain a place at the Annual Meeting, it is quite capable of extending the above-named ponies.

#### MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is confined to "B" Class, Australian subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941. Springhurst (Mr. Poy), for its second placing to Brutus in the Ladies' Purse, has been penalised 5 lb., which I think is not too severe a handicap, and, as the distance is only a mile, I fancy it to win.

Connieher (Mr. Chao), for its third placing to Springhurst, is up by a pound and will probably take second place.

Devonian (Mr. Black), ran poorly in the Ladies' Purse when it led the field until the Football Stands for the second time round and then faded out of the picture. In view of its light weight, however, coupled with the shorter distance and ground conditions, I think it has a grand opportunity of reversing its defeat at the hands of the above two ponies and thus giving a nice welcome to His Excellency the Governor, who recently returned.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Treverton) was only a short head behind Springhurst, the second pony in the Bendigo Handicap, from the two mile post, and for that reason it can be relied upon to give a good account of itself in this race. Rowan (Mr. Hearne) is another likely pony which may cause an upset.

Everything considered, I expect Springhurst to win with Connieher second and Vixen Tor third, leaving Devonian the pony to cause the upset—if there should be one at all.

#### RANDWICK PLATE (THIRD SECTION) ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined



to third section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that did not win a race at the Annual Race Meeting.

From the entries I recommend Black Seal, which will be taken out by Mr. Needa, as it was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down among prospective winners. Why it has failed so far I cannot understand, but with this field I think it should win.

The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang), which was third in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over this distance, should fill second place, with Bendigo (Mr. Black) taking the other place. Strathalbyn (Mr. Treverton) and Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan) are promising outsiders.

#### MELBOURNE CUP: TWO MILES

This, the main event of the afternoon, is confined to Australian ponies of past and present seasons that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941, and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between the following—

Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa);  
Viceroy (Mr. Black);  
First Love (Mr. Liang);  
Fleetwing (Mr. Poy); and  
Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis).

Baffin Bay will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and, on form, should have no difficulty in winning, although Viceroy, which won the Kara Kara Handicap on the third day of the Annual Meeting, should give it a good race as it is very fit at the moment.

The fight for third place should be between First Love and Marsh Warbler.

For an outsider, I recommend Fleetwing.

#### BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "C" Class, Australian Subscription ponies. Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), is undoubtedly the best and has

accordingly been allotted top weight. In view of its performance in the Benarba Handicap (Two Miles), when it came in second to Centre Court carrying the same weight, and as the distance is only a mile, it should not have any trouble in winning for the first time this year.

The pony to watch, however, is Cheerful Star, but as this animal has not been seen for some time at the Course in the morning, I doubt if it will start. If it does it should give Venus Bay a keen fight.

Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) must also be considered as it is good enough to extend the above two ponies.

My choice is Venus Bay to win, with Cheerful Star second and Shuttlecock third.

#### RANDWICK PLATE (FOURTH SECTION) ONE MILE

Fourth Section of 1941 non-winning Australian Subscription Griffins will fight out the issue in this race and from their performances during the Carnival I should not be far wrong in suggesting A Rosy Time (Mr. Black), which was second in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over the mile, as the likely winner.

However, there is Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne) to be reckoned with as this pony ran a good second in the Blue Mountains Plate (Second Section) over this distance, and Optima Fide (Mr. Chao), which is also good enough to win.

Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should also be in the picture in the final run home if Mr. Botelho can hold it until after passing the Rock.

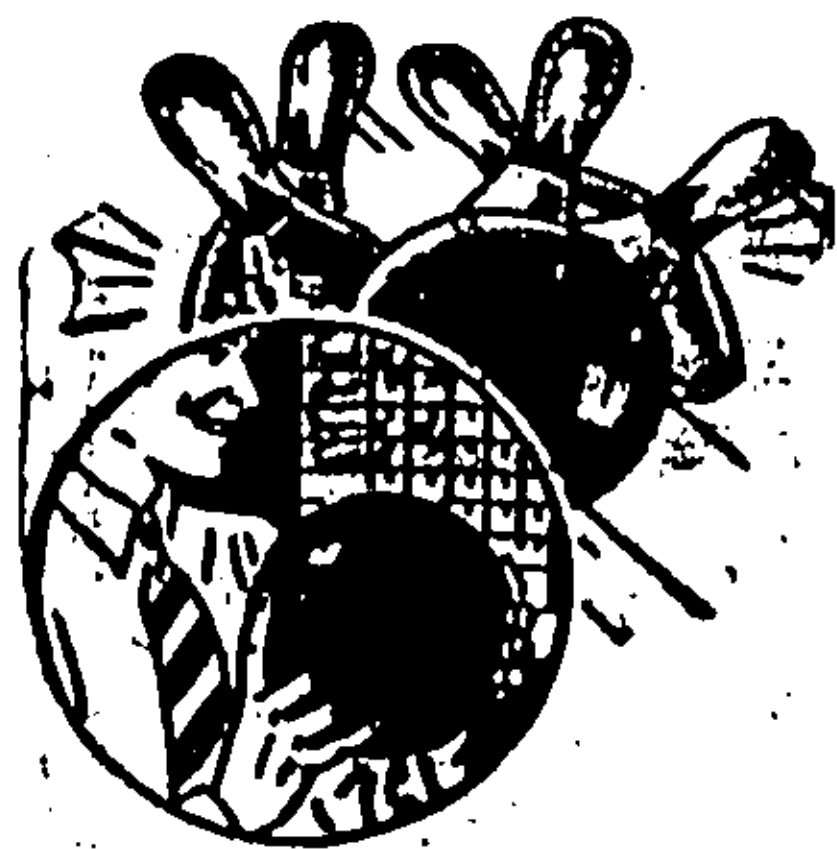
#### OAKLEIGH PLATE: ONE MILE

This is the final event of the day, for Australian Ponies, griffins of this season that have not won. Looking over the entries, Oracle (Mr. Needa) appears the logical choice for a win in view of its second placing in the Austral Racing Stakes to Colooma, while Prairie View (Mr. Pih), which came in second to A Luxurious Time in the Caulfield Stakes, should take second place.

Mr. Chao is taking out Normine Poenae instead of Vis Major in this race and should take third place.

King's Welcome has been a disappointment thus far but may do well to-morrow.

My choice for first three are Oracle, Prairie View and Normine Poenae.



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# GRIM STRUGGLE BETWEEN O. UMETANI AND M. PAGH

## NO DECISION REACHED AFTER 90 MINUTES

By "Adrem"

Two matches were played in the Colony tennis tournament at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday but only one was finished the Rumjahn cousins, holders of the doubles title, receiving little opposition from Lee Ming and Kenneth Lo and M. Pagh and O. Umetani being unable to reach a decision after a gruelling struggle which lasted almost an hour and a half.

From a point of view of lengthy rallies and determination by both men, the match between Pagh, who won the Club championship last year, and Umetani will probably not be surpassed at any stage of the tournament. Umetani was the better player, in that he was fully equipped to play every stroke, but Pagh's fluent forehand drive and accurate placements on the backhand, combined with judicious lobbing enabled him to hold his own.

Umetani won the first set at 6-4, after leading 4-2 and Pagh took the second, after a great fight, at 8-6.

### Pagh's Shortcomings

Obvious shortcomings in Pagh's game were evident throughout the encounter. His accurate driving frequently drove Umetani out of position but Pagh's inability to force the issue from the net placed him at a great disadvantage and for the most part he was forced to concentrate on maintaining the rallies until Umetani broke down.

Umetani, early in the proceedings, endeavoured to force matters from the forecourt but after several of these sorties had met with some success, Pagh found a length with his lobbing and Umetani was forced to stay back. The best stroke the Japanese player produced was a cross-court forehand drive which he hit with power and accuracy into his opponent's forehand corner. His running forehand drive up the sidelines was also accurately executed.

Towards the end both men were obviously exhausted and the result of a final set would have been difficult to forecast.

The match will be replayed at some future date.

Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming were far from impressive against

### TO-DAY'S FIXTURES

**OPEN DOUBLES**  
W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v Wei Chung and S. T. Chau (5).  
Tsu Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui v R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (8).  
B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow v W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell (4).

**CLUB SINGLES**  
P. J. Elder v T. C. Monaghan (6).

**CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES**  
D. S. Robb (3 6) v E. R. Child (1 6).

(1). H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) v E. H. Brazel (-2 6) (2).

T. J. Gould (-15.3) v D. A. Murdoch (-2 6) (3).

F. D. Hunter (2 6) v S. E. Lavrov (2 6) (7).

### BADMINTON RESULTS AT A GLANCE

**JUNIOR SINGLES**  
E. Zimmermann beat J. Hooi 15-6, 7-15 and 15-10.

**SENIOR DOUBLES**  
K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonzales 15-4, 15-10.

**MIXED DOUBLES**  
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 14-17, 15-3, 18-15.  
K. W. Choy and Mrs. N. Castro beat S. Amplanavar and Miss T. Gonzales 15-9, 15-5.

### LADIES' DOUBLES DRAW

Following is the draw for the Ladies' Doubles badminton championship:—

Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Miss J. Choa and Miss M. Churn; Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. M. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Wilson; Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong v. Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzales; Miss D. Fardley and Mrs. Zimmermann v. Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira.

## K.W. CHOY IMPRESSES AT TAIKOO; GOOD MIXED DOUBLES MATCH

By Adrem

A LARGE AND ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME OF COLONY BADMINTON MATCHES WAS DECIDED AT TAIKOO YESTERDAY, A FAIRLY LARGE CROWD BEING PRESENT DESPITE THE DISTANCE IT WAS NECESSARY TO TRAVEL, PRINCIPALLY TO WATCH K. W. CHOY, THE MOST TALKED OF PLAYER THIS YEAR, IN ACTION.

Choy figured in two matches—a men's doubles and a mixed doubles—both of which were won easily. He revealed himself as a splendid player, whose coverage of court, anticipation and effortless clearing shots will make him a strong contender for the singles crown. His men's doubles partner, K. B. Low, who has not been seen in the tournament hitherto, is also a fine player, and these two are likely to make a strong bid for the doubles title.

Most thrilling match of the evening was between M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva, who have played together for years, and David Kwok and Mrs. Peggy Wilson. Winning the first game as the result of brilliant all-round play, the Cathedral pair appeared to have the match in hand when they led 12-8 in the final session. Oliveira and Miss Silva, however, fought back with determination and, after "setting," went on to win.

There was little to choose between the opposite numbers of either side. Kwok was probably the cleverer of the two women but Oliveira made up for any shortcomings in his game by his speed in covering court and his decisive overhead work.

His attack of service was masterly and at one stage had the effect of partially demoralising the opposition.

### Mrs. Wilson Good

Mrs. Wilson, although she was apt to go for shots that should have been left to her partner, showed vast improvement and she rarely made a mistake with anything at the net that should have been punished. Miss Silva, was erratic early on but later improved considerably.

The splendid positioning of Choy was the feature of the final mixed doubles match. Although Amplanavar tried very hard and occasionally brought off some splendid shots, he could find no flaw in Choy's play. Miss Gonzales was probably the steadier of the two ladies and she had some rare duels with Choy from which she did not always emerge unsuccessful.

In the only other game, Ernie Zimmermann, of K.C.C. beat J. Hooi. Zimmermann was accurate in the later stages and was able to dictate terms. His best scoring shots were a cross-court smash and well-placed drop.

### TENNIS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were yesterday's Tennis Results:

**OPEN SINGLES**  
O. Umetani (6-4) v M. Pagh (8-6) Unfinished. To be replayed.

**OPEN DOUBLES**  
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Kenneth Lo and Lee Wing 6-1, 6-3.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
V. R. Gordon beat A. K. MacKenzie 6-3, 6-0.

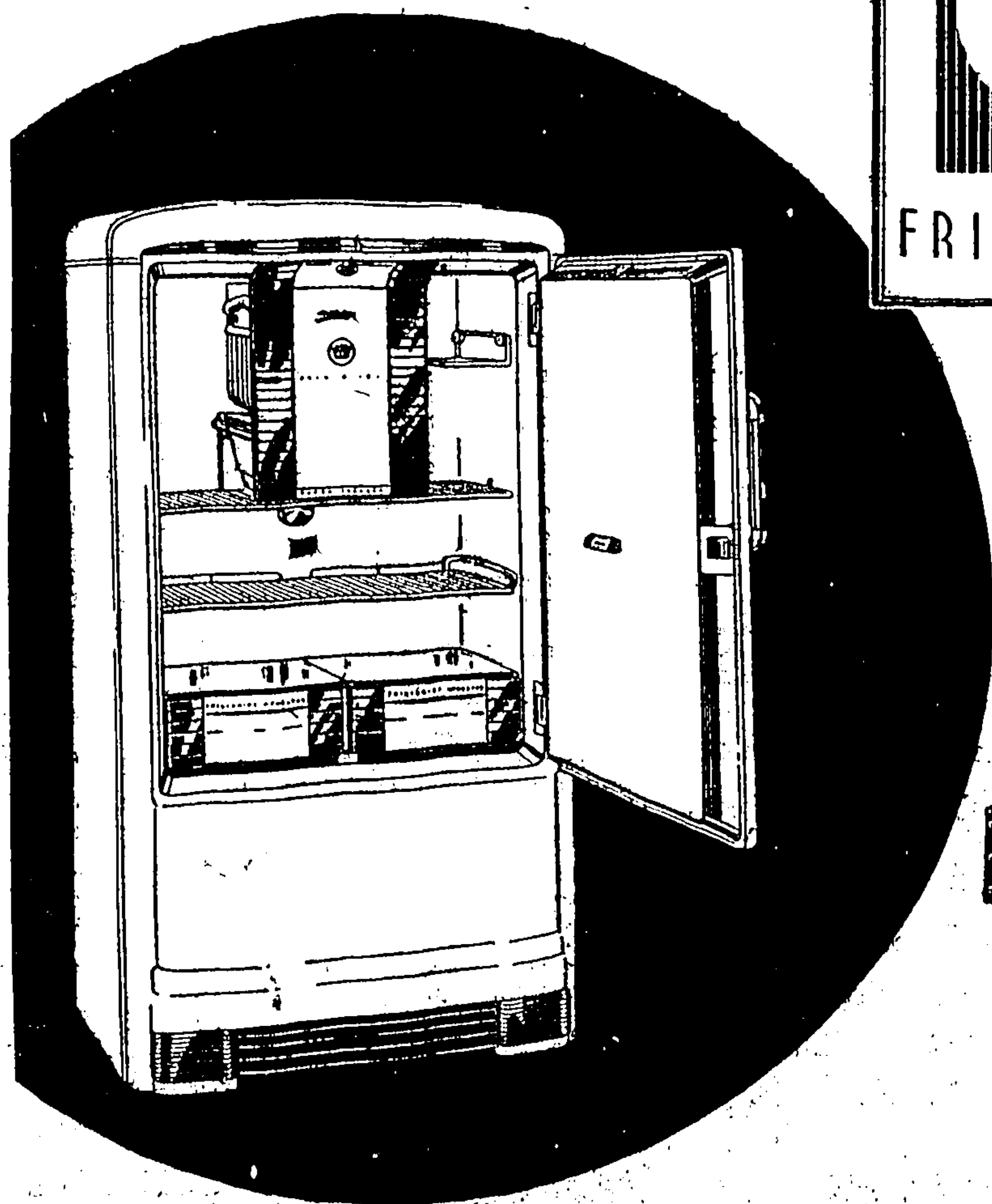
**CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES**  
G. Stirling Lee received walk-over from E. S. Hall.  
H. C. D. Knight beat A. C. I. Bowker 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

### SCHOOLS' SPORTS

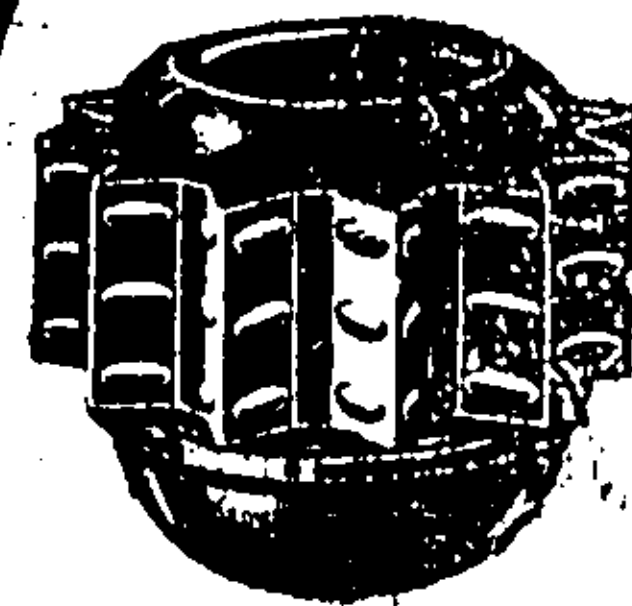
The final of the annual Inter-Schools Athletic Sports will take place at Caroline Hill Stadium today, commencing at 2 p.m. A programme of 11 events will be decided.

Mr. C. G. Sillis, Director of Education, will distribute the prizes.

Following is the programme:—  
100 Metres (8.00 p.m.); Long Jump (2.10 p.m.); 800 Metres (8.30 p.m.); Pole Vault (5.40 p.m.); 200 Metres (3.00 p.m.); Shot Putt (3.10 p.m.); 400 Metres (3.25 p.m.); High Jump (3.40 p.m.); 1,600 Metres (4.00 p.m.); 110 Metres High Hurdles (4.10 p.m.); and Medley Relay Race (4.25 p.m.).



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# KENT TOWN MACHINE-GUNNED

## German Raids Along The Coastal Region

### Alert In London Last Night

THERE WAS SLIGHT ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY.

On the Kent coast yesterday morning machine-gun fire was directed at the streets of a town and bombs were dropped at two points, says the latest Air Ministry communique.

Houses were damaged and a small number of casualties occurred, some of which were fatal. Bombs were also dropped in a south coast district but damage was small.

The alert sounded in the London area last night and heavy gunfire soon heralded the approach of raiders who appeared to be coming in from the Thames Estuary.

Enemy planes were also believed to be in the vicinity of the south-west and East Anglia.

#### Dive Bomber Destroyed

Meanwhile the Admiralty records that a German dive-bomber was destroyed in the afternoon by the drifter "Young Mun" (Skipper G. B. Buchan, R.N.R.) and the yacht "Chico" (Lt. J. Mason, D.S.C., R.N.V.R.).

The German bomber made a dive attack on the ships. The gunner of the "Young Mun" continued to fire his Lewis gun into the enemy until the dive-bomber was within 50 feet.

The dive-bomber, hit and out of control, was unable to check

### YUGOSLAVS MOBILISE 1,200,000

A MESSAGE RECEIVED IN NEW YORK FROM BELGRADE SAYS THAT PRINCE PAUL AND THE COUNCIL OF REGENCY MET SPECIALLY LAST NIGHT TO DRAFT THE FINAL TERMS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S AGREEMENT WITH THE AXIS.

A DECLARATION REGARDING THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED LATER.

Yugoslavia now has 1,200,000 men mobilized, most of whom are massed on the Bulgarian frontier, according to the Swiss radio quoted by Reuter.

### SHORT, SHARP BLITZ RAID ON COLOGNE

WEDNESDAY night's attack on Cologne by aircraft of the Bomber Command was short but very sharp and in an hour's time, between about nine and ten p.m., as much damage was done as in many longer raids.

Operations by other formations of our aircraft, states the Air Ministry new service, were cancelled because thick ground fog made flying impossible from many British aerodromes.

Main weight of the attack fell on railways and the industrial quarter of the east bank of the Rhine. Although there was some ground haze there was no cloud and the weather was good enough to let our crews see exactly what the bombing had done.

They could see great factories ablaze from end to end, flames lighting up other buildings and making them an easy mark for heavier high explosive bombs.

Many of these hurtled down among dock-side buildings and one stick exploded across an important goods yard.

Other bombs fell beside a railway junction and very near the Hohenzollern Bridge.

#### Lines Of Fire

Two long lines of fire ran across a wide area of the industrial quarter and continued to blaze with unabated fury.

Opposite a suspension bridge near the Hohenzollern Bridge there was an enormous fire.

Elsewhere a big L-shaped factory was ablaze and columns of smoke beside the railway showed that a great store of oil was now lost to Germany.

As the fires spread they reached explosive material. Flashes were of terrific violence and as one went off the crews of several aircraft saw a very large building collapse in flying fragments.

The glare of another explosion was so intense that inside the cockpit of an aircraft flying at over 10,000 feet it was for a moment as bright as day.

Aerodromes in the Low Countries, where German aircraft were seen taking off and landing, were also attacked.

At one aerodrome in Holland there were two shattering explosions after the bombing and a succession of smaller explosions lasted some time. — British Wireless.

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### STOP PRESS

The Naval Authorities issued the following statement this afternoon: "The funeral of Able Seaman D. T. Thornburn, who was, on March 20, found dead aboard H.M.S. Cleala, took place at the Naval Cemetery this morning. The circumstances connected with the death of this rating are being investigated."

Forty-three confirmed new cases of Cholera—30 from Victoria, six each from Kowloon and Aberdeen and rural Hong Kong and one from the Harbour—have been registered with the Health Authorities bringing the total from the beginning of the year to 366 cases.

Swabue reports allege that roughly 100 Japanese warships and transports, are off the China coast between Bias Bay and Amoy.

### SHADOWS BEFORE

CLEAR INDICATION OF THE PRESENT STATE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON TO BE GIVEN BY THE FACT, LEARNED YESTERDAY, THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY SENT A CIRCULAR TO ALL CONSULS AND OTHER OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ASKING FOR INFORMATION THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN THE EVENT OF SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

It is believed that the circular emphasised there was no present intention of breaking off relations, but the information was required so that shipping space and other formalities could be arranged should a break occur. — Reuter.

#### An "If" Circular

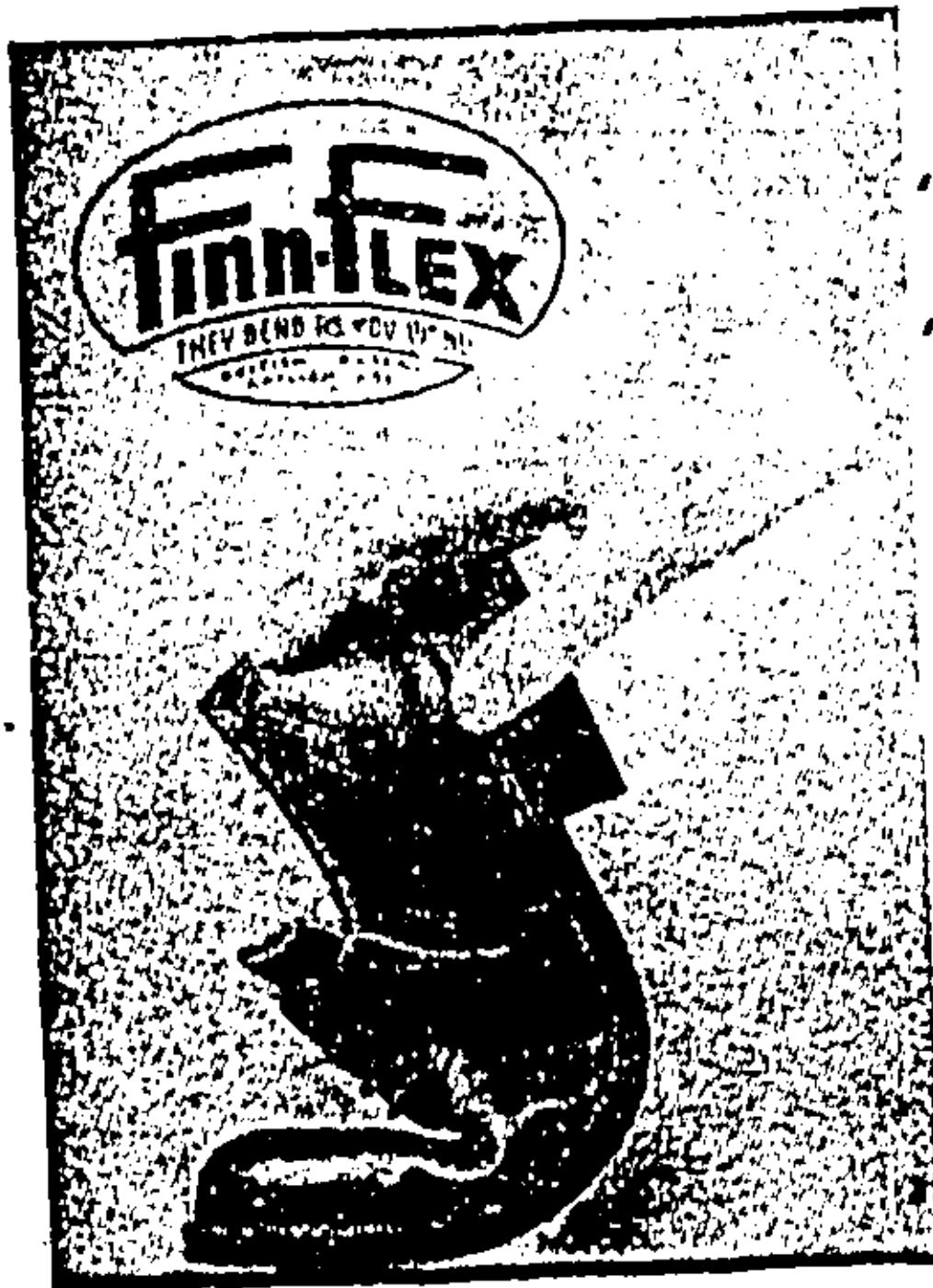
[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] It was revealed in Washington yesterday that the circular sent by the German Embassy to Nazi consuls enquired whether the latter wish to be transported back to Germany if there should be a break in relations with the United States.

It is emphasised that the German Government does not contemplate taking the initiative in such a drastic move as the severance of relations.—International News Service.

A reply has been received from the Ministry of Shipping in London revealing that the chances of even a single British ship being released from war duties to take coal to Shanghai are "extremely remote," the "China Press" learns.

This, according to the paper, was cabled by the British Government in answer to the Shanghai Power Company's appeal for ships to solve the electricity crisis by bringing regular supplies of coal from India.

The Ministry is reported to have assured that it will help Shanghai "all it possibly can." — Reuter.



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